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Schneiderman To Speak at CP Convention in LA

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24.—Making a first public appearance since the U. S. Supreme Court refused to review its decision sustaining his right to citizenship, William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist Party, will address the first session of the Party's county convention at 8 p. m. in the Embassy Auditorium on Saturday, October 30.

The public is invited to hear Schneiderman as well as Carl Winter, county secretary of the party, who will report on the work of the past year. He will also make recommendations to the delegates for a 1944 program which in the words of the convention call, will "make Los Angeles a more effective war center and strengthen its part for success of the victory forces."

Main problem of the area to be considered by the delegates will be the strengthening of community unity, positive measures to eliminate racial discrimination and any recurrence of rioting, housing for war workers, solution of manpower problems, and the rollback and stabilization of prices.

Convention delegates, who are being elected on the basis of one for every 10 of the party's county membership, will also elect the county officers for 1944.

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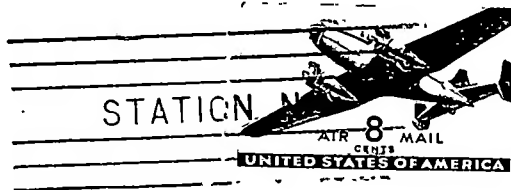
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Wm. Schneiderman
HOTEL *Riverside Plaza* *NEW YORK*
253 WEST 73rd STREET
NEW YORK 23, N. Y.



Air-mail



Leah Schneiderman
425 Collingwood St.,
San Francisco, 14, Calif.

HOTEL

Riverside Plaza

253 WEST 73RD STREET
NEW YORK CITY
PHONE SUSQUEHANNA 7-3000

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Dearest:

Our daughter is [redacted] old today, so I thought that I'd ask you for a rain-check on celebrating the event belatedly when we are together again.

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I'm starting out being a pretty poor kind of Dad when I neglect such a momentous event, and I only hope you and [redacted] don't hold it against me.

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My only wish to her, is that she will grow up to be as beautiful and wonderful as her mother, and be as happy as you have made me.

As ever,
Will

P. S. Love to both our mothers.

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Comrades, Comrade Browder's report gives us a crystal clear line of policy and action for the crucial political struggles lining up to 1944. As he said, the presidential elections will determine where the United States goes forward in the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition to the unconditional surrender of the Axis or whether the United States shall take the opposite path, ~~in~~ with all the consequences which that entails.

In California we already witness the preparations for 1944 in full swing. The win the war forces have not yet fully recovered from the defeat suffered in the election of Governor Earl Warren, which has placed the initiative in the hands of the reactionary forces and placed labor progressive pro-war forces on the defensive.

But in order to win the election Warren had to commit himself publicly to ~~a~~ pro-war measures and even to ~~enter~~ ~~it~~. He could not follow an openly defeatist policy in the sentiment in the state. He had to ~~a~~ the conduct of the state administration from the beginning have been aimed: victory, second, to demoralize the disarm and demobilize the labor ~~in~~ labor's ranks he has succeeded. From the very first it was obvious appointment of Paul Sharenberg in Washington, as director truce between capital and have introduced into the to a vote.

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passage of the child care bill with an appropriation of half a million dollars, and other measures of that character. Warren's aim is to prepare to carry California for the Republican Party in 1944. Himself already being mentioned as a possible presidential or vice-presidential candidate, it is obvious that Warren is one of those forces that will line up with the Hoover-Taft- defeatist gang in the Republican Party. In recent weeks Warren has been conducting a campaign for so-called States Rights, together with other Republican governors of various states. Using this as a political platform against carrying out of the war program of the government and for sabotage of the federal war agencies in trying to carry out their policies.

For example, the legislature passed a bill in the midst of a great deal of whipped up hysteria against the war agencies to set up a special farm products council with a program to attack and discredit the Agricultural Man Power policies of the federal administration. Although himself not engaging in some of these openly defeatist talk, Warren has never disassociated himself from the leaders of the defeatist bloc in the legislature who talk openly, preach rebellion against the federal government on the floor of the legislature.

Our approach has been to support a constructive pro-war ~~measures~~ measures that have come up, directing our main fire against the reactionary bloc control of the legislature, branding them as defeatists who are lining up with the worst fifth column elements in the country. We have called on Warren to break with them because he still strives to disassociate himself from them publicly, we have tried to smoke him out by criticising his silence on national issues of the war.

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dangers in line with the national political situation until recently. With the timely help of the Political Bureau we have been working for the past two months to overcome these weaknesses. Warren was able to take advantage of the fact that the trade union movement, even the progressive CIO unions, have not sufficiently concerned themselves with the broader issues of the war. While some have spoken out on the second front, on American Soviet relations, on Casablanca policy, they have concerned themselves mainly with state legislative questions and mainly with the fight against anti-labor legislation.

There is a tendency ~~which~~ even in progressive unions, to judge Warren solely on his labor record and not on his real program against the war policies. They fail to see a division of labor between Warren and the openly defeatist bloc in the Republican Party whereby Warren can appear as a pro-war, pro-Roosevelt force while his party carried out its dirty work for which he need not take the full responsibility.

Secondly, the unions, absorbed with production problems, with the question of prices and wage stabilization, do not sufficiently relate these questions to national political issues of the country. Thirdly, while labor has always had excellent relations with the Democratic Party, since the election defeat the trade unions have done very little to help revive the Democratic Party. Since the last election the Democratic Party has become demoralized, with factional divisions, many of their leaders tagging behind Warren and letting the reactionary Democrats like the head of the Little Dies Committee to take the initiation in state political affairs.

The leader of the Roosevelt forces in the Democratic Party, Attorney Bob Kenny, sees no mass support and therefore considers it expedient to go along with Warren. But in spite of all these unfavorable developments, the Democratic Party has a tradition in California of ~~being~~ putting into motion mass people's movements. It is still the main channel of political expression for progressive and labor forces and the whole pro-war camp. It has close ties with the labor movement. All it needs is to unify its ranks, eliminate factionalism and show real leadership on the war issue, to revive and activate the democratic masses once more.

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Labor can play the greatest role of influencing the leaders of the Democratic Party and its active rank and file in the various Congressional and Assembly Districts to take up the fight once more for Roosevelt policies and against the defeatists. There is a growing realization in labor and democratic ranks that this must be done, but it has not yet taken organized form. We are pressing for such a policy to take organized form through Democratic Party conferences called by county central committees in Assembly and Congressional Districts, in collaboration with the trade unions.

The municipal elections showed the possibilities of rallying the pro-war forces in California in spite of the general apathy and indifference of most trade unions toward these municipal elections. In San Diego, for example, which has now become a powerful aircraft industrial center, the united labor movement joined together to elect for the first time a mayor, defeating the leader of the America First movement in San Diego.

In Los Angeles, the municipal elections for City Council strengthened the pro-war forces in the City Council by adding two new Councilmen and creating a sort of balance of power between the progressive and reactionary groups in the Council, whereas before the reactionary forces had a complete majority.

In both of these elections, the Party played an important role in rallying labor and pro-war forces for a correct policy, for more active participation in the elections and for placing the war issues in the forefront of the election campaign.

In Oakland where no real possibilities existed for a broad coalition, the Party concentrated on its own candidate for City Council in one district, where it received 12,000 votes, one-third of the total vote in that district, where the Party candidate carried 68 precincts out of 300 precincts in that district, and tied the vote in 28 more precincts.

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In San Francisco, a bond election took place regarding the transportation problem where the Rossi administration suffered a defeat and the Party won prestige by initiating a practical plan to merge the two street car systems, a plan which is now being seriously considered by the office of Defense Transportation in Washington.

We are now approaching mayoralty elections in San Francisco in the fall, and negotiations are now going on among various groups, both labor and business elements, for a broad coalition against the Rossi administration. Unfortunately, there are many candidates in the field and the main task is to get the pro-war forces to agree on concentrating on one candidate as the only means to defeat Rossi. If unity can be achieved around one candidate in the coming weeks, then the prospects are good for the defeat of the Rossi administration, which will have tremendous political repercussions throughout the state for future elections.

A few words about some developments in the labor movement. The Lewis strike created considerable confusion in California, but Labor's patriotism and awareness of the issues headed off a strike movement that was threatened by the forces following John D. Frey in the shipyards and metal trades unions. There was recently held a Pacific Coast Metal Trades Conference of all AFL trade unions which have control in the shipyards on the west coast, where, where a resolution inspired by John Frey was introduced, to withdraw the no-strike pledge and to threaten direct action if wage adjustments were not forthcoming for the shipyard workers. Although we have suffered a number of defeats on this question in several unions previously, this issue coming up at the height of the Lewis strike threat created a tremendous and heated discussion, and after a two hour debate the strike resolution of the Frey forces was voted down by a vote of 75 to 31. Only a week after the Michigan

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Conference of the UAW adopted their pro-Lewis resolution, the UAW conference in Los Angeles voted to condemn the Lewis policy, to support Roosevelt and reaffirm its no-strike pledge.

At the recent convention of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, a resolution was recently adopted denouncing Lewis as a traitor and supporting the national CIO position of Philip Murray. Nevertheless, in spite of these developments, which show an awareness in the ranks of the labor movement regarding the Lewis insurrection, there is still not sufficient realization of the dangers that the Lewis forces are creating for the labor movement in the country.

For example, we have a number of experiences of AFL officials who are against strikes and who have stated so, but are reluctant to speak out openly and publicly about Lewis himself. To meet this situation we have to go to every local union and take up these issues with the membership, and not only to the local unions, in which in most cases you will not find the majority of the membership there. For example, we went to a shipfitters local of some 10,000 members, with a resolution to reaffirm the no-strike pledge. The resolution was adopted, but there was less than 100 workers present out of a union of 10,000. And so we have to find ways and means to get to the workers who do not come to these meetings, and we had an interesting experience to show the sentiment of the workers, even those who are not in close touch with the active leading forces of the unions, where in one plant a petition was circulated to reaffirm labor's no-strike pledge, and out of 61 workers in that plant, 60 of them signed readily.

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Even in the CIO, the leading forces don't always see fully the political implications of Lewis' policy. They tend to rationalize and say the workers are confused and some of them are influenced by Lewis, but when the issues are explained to the membership we don't find such a situation; as in the case of one local meeting of 5,000 warehousemen where the issues of the Lewis strike threat were explained along the lines of Comrade Browder's St. Louis speech, it was fully understood, clearly, by the workers, and they fully supported the policy of the CIO, although that union has many wage grievances which are agitating them.

In the fight for labor unity, we still have an unsatisfactory situation, but a few favorable and significant signs have developed. For example, jurisdictional disputes have been one of the sorest spots in the relations between the AFL and the CIO on the west coast, particularly since the Kaiser dispute broke out in the shipyards. In spite of that fact, the Longshore and Warehousemen's Union, which has been in a bitter jurisdictional struggle everywhere with the Teamsters up and down the west coast, has just signed an agreement with the Teamsters in Los Angeles, a no-raiding agreement, agreeing each to withdraw from certain plants in which there was a conflict and an agreement not to raid each other's territory in that area. I believe this is a very significant development and indicates that even the irritations and aggravations which are created by a number of jurisdictional disputes do not necessarily have to stand in the way of the development of the greater unity in the critical period in which the labor movement has to work today.

Also in Los Angeles, the Central Labor Council, which has been under the leadership of Buzzell, one of the spearheads of the anti-unity, anti-war forces, recently showed a remarkable reversal, which was already mentioned by Comrade Hudson in his report, when the policy of Buzzell to withdraw from all war agencies where CIO representatives were present, was reversed and defeated by a vote of 124 to 1, with only Buzzell voting against.

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Recently the reactionaries in the State Federation of Labor were able to put over a motion to call off the State Federation of Labor Convention, supposedly because of transportation difficulties.

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Vanlor?. the state secretary. came to the left wing forces and asked for assistance to get a new movement started from below to get the convention called because he wants a convention of the AFL to reaffirm the war policies of the administration and labor's role in it. Unless Vanlor's (?) leadership also there has been joint work in the State Legislature on many issues of labor, anti-labor legislation that came before that body. Nevertheless we must still fight dangerous sectarian attitudes among our comrades and so prevalent in non-Party forces. The A^L progressives some of them, still are reluctant to work with all pro-war forces of the AFL with conservative forces that are just as anxious to win the war as the left wing forces are. In the CIO there is also some times a narrow approach toward steps that have to be taken for greater unity with AFL. And even more dangerous, there have been tendencies which lead toward sharpening the relations of left wing and progressive forces in the CIO with Phillip Murray and some of the Murray forces in California. The timely warning that we heard this Plenum about the need to break down the division of right and left certainly applies to California as well as the emphasis placed on the fight for developing a broader leadership in the CIO Councils where the left wing is predominant. However we were for the unity in recent weeks in that a visit by Phillip Murray to the West Coast where he spent a number of days in California, gave the opportunity for the leaders of the CIO to correct some of the mistakes they have made toward Murray recently and as a result great progress was made in establishing better relationship with Murray and creating the ground for greater unity on issues of war and other questions in the future. We can also say that our effectiveness in trade union work will undoubtedly be enhanced by the fact that in the recent recruiting drive the Party strengthened its ~~positions~~ positions in the trade union work. For the first time in California our recruiting drive brought in a majority of trade unionists, some 75% and also for the first time we recruited AFL and CIO members.

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In conclusion, comrades, we feel that this Plenum will help us to overcome the weakness that still remains in the fight to rally the labor movement and win the-war camp against the defeatists and to make labor a decisive force for national unity and victory in the war and in the 1944 elections.

S.F. News

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Schneiderman Move Stopped

Special to The News

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11. — A new Federal effort to revoke the citizenship status of William Schneiderman, Russian-born San Francisco Communist, was stopped today when the Supreme Court refused the Government's appeal for reconsideration of the court's June decision.

Mr. Schneiderman's citizenship was protected by that verdict, in which the court refused to revoke his rights as an American simply because he was affiliated with the Communist Party at the time of his naturalization in 1927.

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SCHNEIDERMAN, WILLIAM

(Alien)

COMMUNIST

alias: VELVEL SCHNEIDERMAN

187 19th Avenue or

101 Gough Street

San Francisco, California (Res. add.)

121 Haight Street

San Francisco, California (Bus. add.) 5-22-41

1914--Arrested by N. Y. C. P.D., #B-36028, on charge of grand larceny and sentenced on 9-23-14 to one to two years in Sing Sing Prison.

1921--Became active in radical and Communistic activities.

1923--District organizer for and member of Young Communist League in Los Angeles.

1925--Secretary of Workers Party, Los Angeles.

1926-27--Special correspondent for Daily Worker.

1927--Naturalized in U.S. Dist. Court, Los Angeles. Member Executive Committee, Young Communist League, Los Angeles. Refused seat as delegate to

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A.F. of L. because he was Communist. Instructor in public speaking in Workers School at Los Angeles.

1929--Arrested in San Francisco for demonstration in defense of Soviet Government and in solidarity of Haitian workers.

1930--Special writer for Daily Worker. Active in Communistic work in Connecticut.

1931--Spoke before Hatters Meeting at Danbury, Conn..

1931--Organizer for Young Communist League, Los Angeles.

1932--Spoke at Lenin Memorial at University of Minneapolis.

1932--Ran for governor of Minnesota on C. P. ticket and received 4806 votes. Organizer for Dist. #9 C. P., 306 S. Third St., Minneapolis, Minn.

1933--Arrested while addressing workers in South St. Paul, Minn.

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1933--Special writer for Daily Worker.

1934--District Organizer for C. P. of Minnesota.

1935--District Organizer for Dist. #13, C. P. of California. (William F. Hynes, former member of C. P. and now Captain of Detectives, Los Angeles, California, P.D., Dec., 1936; 61-7559-826)

District organizer for District #13, C. P., with headquarters at 121 Haight St., San Francisco. (Conf. Inf. Pittsburgh F. O., 1-22-37, 61-7559-958)

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As secretary of Young Workers League in Los Angeles, in Dec., 1924, he was in charge of promoting new weekly publication to be published beginning 1-1-25 (SA A. A. Hopkins, Los Angeles, F. O. 12/8/24, 61-4823-5)

Elected member of National Executive Committee of Young Workers League at Chicago on 10/5/25. (Sp. Agt. Max F. Burger, 10/16/25, 61-797-252)

In July, 1925 he was agitator for C. P. at Los Angeles in Communist-

controlled so-called "Hands Off" movement. On 6-16-26, he wrote for first time as special correspondent of Daily Worker. In April, 1927 he was one of 20 Communists elected to Executive Committee of Young Workers League (now known as Young Communists League). According to Daily Worker for 4-21-27, his hand could be seen in arrangement of debates between students of University of California and functionaries of Young Workers League. Chairman of Young Workers League meeting on 4-20-27 in Los Angeles commemorating anniversary of Paris Commune. As special correspondent for Daily Worker he wrote up the A.F. of L. convention at Los Angeles in Oct., 1927 in vitriolic style contending A.F. of L. was red-baiting organization, and William Green, Matthew Woll, and Frank Morrison had "proven themselves worthy allies of stoolpigeons." He was particularly incensed that he was refused seat as delegate at convention because he was Communist. In Nov., 1927, he was expelled from A.F. of L. through action of Office Workers Union only after A.F. of L. had threatened to revoke charter of Office Workers Union unless it refused in future to accept dues from Schneiderman. Schneiderman carried dual membership cards, one in C. P. and other in A.F. of L. prior to this time. Frequently referred to Los Angeles Times as "reptile" press. Decried Times campaign against Soviet Union as falsehoods and lies. During much of 1928 he served continuously as special correspondent for Daily Worker until he departed from "Bolshevik

Line," going over to Trotzky faction. On 12-28-28 the Central Committee of District #13 of C. P. issued orders to remove him from all party offices and suspend him from party because of his alleged support of Trotzkyism and his activity as agent of the militant. However, evidence indicates Schneiderman's expulsion was pre-arranged affair so that he could get inside facts as undercover agent of regular C. P. relative to membership, strength, plans, etc. of Trotzky faction. In March, 1930, he was again accepted into good graces of C. P. and resumed functioning as special correspondent for Daily Worker. Attacked American Legion for engineering anti-Filipino race riots in California. About this time he became organization secretary of District #13, C. P. He was withdrawn from California some time in Aug., 1930, and transferred to Connecticut where he remained performing his usual agitation propaganda till Jan., 1931. On 1-21-31 he made inflammatory talk at New Haven, Conn., as Lenin Memorial speaker, which unquestionably necessitated his being again transferred to another district, for in May, 1931, he was arrested in Minneapolis after a militant May Day speech. On 1-22-32 he was made District Organizer of District #9, C. P., in Minneapolis, Minn.. Schneiderman easily comes under classification of C. P. as trusted "professional revolutionist." (Files of American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, Tribune Tower, Chicago, Ill., 11-6-35; 61-7590-387)

Was issued passport No. 93301 on 4-28-34, and at that time indicated he was born at Romanoff, Russia on 12-14-05, and had immigrated to U. S. in 1907. Passport indicated he intended to depart from N. Y. C. on 4-30-34 for travel and study in European countries. (Passport Division, State Dept., Wash., D.C. 61-7590-387)

Returned from Moscow in Oct. 1935, where he had attended Comintern meeting (Unknown source, 100-3168-3)

Became District Organizer of District #13, C.P. in Oct. 1935 and was given welcoming banquet at that time. (Western Worker, 10-2 & 10-28-35 61-7559-387)

Elected member of Presiding Committee of C.P. at National Convention of C.P. in N. Y. C. in June, 1936. (Daily Worker, 6-25-36, 39-915-592)

Made speech before above-mentioned national convention in which he was quoted as stating: "The role and influence of the Party has steadily increased among the 35,000 maritime workers in the recent period. We now have 200 Communists on the San Francisco waterfront." (Western Worker, 7/16/36 61-7590-387)

Attended underground C.P. leadership meeting at San Francisco on 9-6-36.

Harry Bridges and other leading Communists also present. (Conf. Inf. [redacted])

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One of officials of C.P. of California who wired greetings to Tom Mooney, notorious political prisoner in San Francisco County Jail on his 53rd birthday in Dec., 1936. (Western Worker, 12-17-36; 61-7559-895X2)

Author of "The Pacific Coast Maritime Strike," published by Western Worker Publishers, San Francisco, Calif.. (Copy in file 61-7550-2-10) (This article also appeared in The Communist magazine for April, 1937, 61-7559-3508-97X)

Attended plenary session at Beethoven Hall, N. Y. C. on 6-18, 19, 20-37 of central committee of C.P. (John P. Frey, president, Metal Trades Dept., A.F. of L., in testimony before Dies Committee on 8-13-38; 61-7582-Vol. 1)

In statement of ownership Western Worker, Communist organ, for 10-4-37, listed Schneiderman as co-owner and Secretary of C.P., California. (61-7559-1812X5)

On 11-1-37 he wired report to Central Committee of Party that California had dues paying membership of 4,510 during Oct., 1937. (Daily Worker, 11-2-37, 61-7559-2347X24)

Member of Central Committee of C.P. in 1937 and co-chairman of organization and propaganda. (Walter S. Steele, National Republic, Chairman of American Coalition Committee of National Security, in testimony before Dies Committee in 1938, 61-7582)

Seated on platform with Harry Bridges and other Communists at mass meeting held in San Francisco Municipal Auditorium on 12-8-36, when Bridges entered into debate with Roger Lapham, president of American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. (Supra)

Registered as Communist on 9-15-36 and 7-18-38 in San Francisco. (Charles J. Collins, Registrar of Voters, City Hall, San Francisco, Calif., 39-915-558)

Attended convention of National Maritime Federation of the Pacific in June, 1937 at Portland, Oregon, which was also attended by Harry Bridges and many other prominent Communists. (Harper L. Knowles and Ray E. Nimmo, radical

research committee of American Legion, Dept. of California, in testimony before Dies Committee on 10-24-38, 61-7582-Vol. 3)

Together with Anita Whitney, State Chairman of C.P. for California, Schneiderman sent greeting "From the Communist Party" on occasion of first issue of People's World on 1-1-38, which succeeded Western Worker, established in 1932. (Conf. Inf. [redacted] San Francisco F.O., 61-10170-3)

Spoke at Party Builders' Congress in N. Y. C. on 2-20-38. (Daily Worker, 2-21-38, 61-7559-2946X8)

At meeting of C.P. in Madison Square Garden, N. Y. C. on 2-21-38, Schneiderman pledged that by end of 1938 C.P. would have at least 10,000 active members in California. (Conf. Inf. [redacted] N. Y., F.O., March, 1938, 61-7566-847)

Chosen State Secretary of C.P. for California at state convention in Sacramento, Calif., Sept., 1938. In keynote speech Schneiderman backed California Pension Plan. (Daily Worker, 10-1-38; 61-7559-3188X)

Scheduled to discuss possibilities of defeating Merriam machine in California elections in fall of 1938 at two-day state convention of C.P. of

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California at San Francisco on May 14-15, 1938. (People's World, 5-14-38; 61-7559-2833X)

Member of presiding committee at Tenth National Convention of C.P. at N. Y. C. in May, 1938. (Daily Worker, 5/28/38; 61-7559-2844X50)

Chairman of Organization-Education-Literature-Press Committee at above-mentioned convention. (Daily Worker, 6-1-38, 61-7559-2817X4)

Member of committee to form 1938 campaign platform at above convention. (Eastern Press reports as furnished by Verne Tompkins, Metuchen, N. J., 6-1-38; 61-7559-2931)

Member of National Committee of C.P. elected at above-mentioned convention. (Dies Committee Reports, 61-7582-Vol. 7, P. 4281)

Schneiderman's name stamped on 1938 C.P. of U.S.A. membership book in possession of Conf. Inf San Diego F. O. (39-915-259)

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Member of presiding committee of Second California Party Builder's Congress at Los Angeles in Jan., 1939. Said he: "It is within our power to elect progressives to the saturation point and until we are in position to make this a Soviet America." (Conf. Inf. of [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] 2-3-39, 61-7559-3530)

Wrote letter to members of Assembly Judiciary Committee of California scheduled to hold public hearing on 4-5-39 relative to repeal of Criminal Syndicalism law warning that opponents to repeal of this law would falsely charge C.P. of advocating "force and violence" Wrote in part that "Communist Party of U.S.A. is.... carrying forward today the traditions of Jefferson, Paine, Jackson, and Lincoln, and of the Declaration of Independence...." (Peoples World, 4-5-39; 61-7559-4075X36)

In addressing May Day forum in 1939 at Scottish Rite Auditorium, San Francisco, he declared that "It is not the Soviet Union, but Chamberlain, who is

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holding back from a real anti-aggression bloc to stop Hitler. The proposal of the Soviet Union for a collective security pact, including all nations menaced by the Rome--Berlin--Tokio Axis, is the only way to avoid another catastrophe." (Peoples World, 5-3-39; 61-7559-4075X25)

In Aug., 1939, Informant [redacted]

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61-7559-5192X)

Wrote letter to San Francisco Chronicle about 8-29-39 defending Russo-German treaty and stating Daily Worker had never indicated such treaty would not be made. (Conf. Inf. [redacted] San Francisco, F.O., 61-7590-387)

Attended meeting in Chicago of National Committee of C.P. in celebration of its twentieth anniversary, Sept., 1-4-39. (G-2, Chicago, F.O. 61-7559-4698)

At meeting of officials of C.P. in San Francisco on 9-19-39, he expressed

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State Secretary of C.P. for California, and long-time Communist, according to following former members of C.P. (Sam Diner, 18 Marina Court, San Rafael, Calif., Maurice Joseph Cannalonga, 3003 East 115th St., Seattle, Wash., Kermit Charles Krolek, 1303 Balfour Bldg., San Francisco, Calif., Arthur James Kent, Los Angeles County Jail; Thomas Edward Burns, 934 N. Humboldt, Portland, Oregon, Edward A. St. Clair, 803 East 5th St., Los Angeles, Calif., James D. O'Neil, 1275 Washington Ave., San Francisco, Calif., Dorothy Ring, 1242 Utah St., San Francisco, Calif., Norma Perry, Room 402, 110 Market St., San Francisco, Calif., Andrew D. Jackson, 6120 Racine St. Oakland, Calif., Miles G. Humphreys, 804 21st St., Oakland, Calif., Aaron Sapiro, 629 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Calif., Charles Cleveland Walker, 6670 Farrell St., San Francisco, Calif., John Henry Shomaker, 418 Broderick St., San Francisco, Calif.; all in signed statements executed in fall of 1940; 39-915-558-619-656)

Born 8-1-05, Romanov, Russia. Immigrated to U.S. from Antwerp, Belgium, arriving NYC. 9-22-08. Filed declaration of intention No. 26427 on 2-8-24 at Los Angeles. Filed petition for naturalization No. 18758 on 1-18-27 at Los Angeles. Certificate of naturalization No. 2608994 issued on 6-10-27 at Los Angeles. Name changed from Velvel Schneiderman to William Schneiderman at time of naturalization. (Charles Roberts, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Dept. of Labor, Wash., D. C. 61-7590-343)

Has been for several years (as of 1938) secretary of District #13, which comprises California, Arizona, and Nevada. Born in Russia and took out citizenship papers

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concern over status of C.P. in Canada in view of declaration of war between Britain and Germany. (Inspector P. J. Farley, Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, Calif., 61-7559-7310)

Spoke at May Day, 1940, mass meeting at Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles. (Unknown source, 39-915-620)

Spoke at final election rally for Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for U.S. Senator, at 831 Broadway, San Francisco, on 11-1-40. (San Francisco Chronicle, 11-1-40; 61-7559-A)

Schneiderman, together with Morris Childs, Illinois Secretary of C.P., was appointed to bring in recommendations for revision of Constitution of C. P. at special convention of C.P. held at Manhattan Odd Fellows Hall, NYC, 11-16-40. (Sunday Worker, 11-17-40; 39-915-592)

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on 6-10-27, at which time he took oath of allegiance to U.S. That he did so with tongue in cheek evidenced by fact that for several years prior thereto and since date of granting of citizenship he was actively identified with C.P. According to "New Frontiers", issued by California Young Communist League in 1937, P. 26, there appeared reference to effect he joined Young Communist League in 1922, five years prior to his application for citizenship. In Dec., 1937, the Assist. Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, ordered that the possible revocation of his citizenship was being considered by Seat of Government. (Supra)

Born 8-1-05, Russia--came to U.S. and entered at NYC on 9-22-08. Naturalized in U.S. Dist. Ct. at Los Angeles on 6-10-27 under Certificate #2,608-994. His sponsors were Albert J. Bock and Minnie Karasich, well-known Communists. Investigation begun about Nov., 1935, by Immigration and Naturalization Service at Los Angeles to have his citizenship papers cancelled on ground of fraud. Proceeding pending in Dec., 1936. (Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, Dec., 1936, 61-7559-826)

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Admitted in Federal Court in San Francisco on occasion of his fight to retain his citizenship in Dec., 1939, that he was member of Young Workers League and C.P. when he was given his citizenship papers in Los Angeles, in 1927. (Wash., D. C. Daily News, 12-8-39, 61-7590-367X2)

Admitted in Federal Court that he joined Young Workers League in Los Angeles in 1923 and became educational director thereof; said he was in high school at that time and taught Lenin and Marx to young people attending classes of the League. Said he went to Connecticut in 1930 as party organizer and from 1931 to 1934 he was organizer in Minnesota. Said he went to Soviet Union in 1934 as spectator at Second World Congress of Communist International, and remained in Russia several months studying conditions among workers. After returning to U.S. he said he became C.P. leader in California and national committeeman from that state. He said he had attended five national conventions. (Cross examination by U.S. Atty. Frank J. Hennessey, San Francisco, as reported in San Francisco News, 12-7-39, 61-7590-387)

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Federal Judge Michael J. Roche, San Francisco, ruled that membership in C.P. at time Schneiderman was naturalized constituted "lack of attachment to the Constitution of the U.S." and therefore his citizenship was obtained by "fraud and illegal means." (People's World, 4-2-41; 39-915-990)

On 7-23-40 a judgment and decree revoking Schneiderman's decree of Naturalization and declaring same null and void was filed by U.S. District Court in San Francisco. Court also directed him to surrender his certificate of naturalization. On 7-29-40 Schneiderman's counsel filed notice of appeal. (Walter B. Maling, clerk, U.S. District Court, San Francisco, Calif., 39-915-558)

Delegate to one-day National Emergency Convention of C.P. at Manhattan Odd Fellows Temple, N. Y. C., on 11/16/40. (G-2, Wash., D. C., 12-11-40; 61-7559-11062)

When U.S. Supreme Court affirmed decision of lower court sentencing Earl Browder to four years of imprisonment in Feb., 1941, Schneiderman sent telegram to national headquarters of C.P. in N. Y. C. protesting this "act of ruling class vengeance against the clearest and most potent voice in America opposing the imperialist war." Daily Worker , 2/18/41, 61-7559-A) *ms*

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Bill Schneiderman,
San Francisco.

Dear Bill:

Every member of the National Committee is receiving a notification about the next meeting of the Committee. In view of the Government's campaign for curtailing of railroad travel, we wonder whether the National Committee members in California should not consider getting together and selecting a limited number of their members to attend. Of course, every member of the N.C. has the right to be present if they press the matter, but I think there should be a friendly and frank exchange of opinion and see what conclusions you reach.

This should not be presented to them as a proposal of the National Board, far less a directive from here. It is not that; but we do think that since there are six of you, some serious consideration should be given to the above idea.

However, in case there is an agreement on such a thing, we feel that you and Carl must definitely be amongst those who come. I think the latter does not need any argumentation.

It seems to me that it would be much better if you take the initiative to open up this discussion, rather than saying it comes from us because then the comrades will feel under a certain obligation if you say it comes from us.

Please let me hear from you on this.

I think that irrespective of what takes place on the above, it would be a good idea for you and Carl to definitely be in on the 9th of March, and both of you must arrange your affairs so that you will definitely stay for two days after the N.C. meeting, namely, through the 13th and 14th. In other words, you should not figure on leaving here before the 15th at the earliest.

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L. J. [Signature]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO.

100-9356

REPORT MADE AT Baltimore, Maryland	DATE WHEN MADE 10-27-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-21; 10-4, 5-43	REPORT MADE BY DAVID A. SHAPIRO : ac
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Surveillance on AL J. BOCK requested by New York Office during contemplated stay at Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore. Believed to be associated in some way with WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. May be same person who sponsored SCHNEIDERMAN's naturalization. Informants advise that purpose of BOCK's visit was to consult with Home Office of U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company regarding blanket bond plan to insure funds of union locals throughout country. No suspicious contacts made while in Baltimore; no mail received; phone calls limited to employer, U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty, and arrangements for trip to home, San Francisco. Left Baltimore 10-5-43.

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REFERENCE:

New York teletype to Bureau, San Francisco and Baltimore, dated September 21, 1943.
Baltimore teletype to Bureau, San Francisco and New York, dated October 5, 1943.

DETAILS:

The New York Office, in a teletype dated September 21, 1943, requested coverage of the activities of AL J. BOCK while at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore. It was advised that BOCK had made arrangements to see WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN while in New York City. It was also stated that BOCK's room at the Lord Baltimore Hotel had been reserved by a GARLAND L. MOORE of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and that BOCK was believed to be from the West Coast, probably San Francisco, California.

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On October 2, 1943, through Confidential Informant T-1, a very reliable source, [REDACTED]

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This same informant revealed on October 4, 1943, [REDACTED]

On October 5, 1943, T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

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T-1 advised that [REDACTED]

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised [REDACTED]

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Briefly, it was determined that BOCK is the originator of a plan whereby contact is made with numerous large locals of major labor unions, which are offered a blanket bond to insure labor funds. This program is being handled on a national scale by the various agents of the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty, located throughout the country, under the supervision of BOCK. It is believed that this was the sole purpose of BOCK's visit to Baltimore, as there has been no indication, according to informants, that contacts were made here that were anything other than of a business nature.

Informants disclosed that BOCK intended leaving Baltimore at 11:00 A. M. on October 5, 1943, spend several hours in Washington, D. C. with labor people to clear up his work there, catch a train out of Washington that evening, arriving in Chicago, Illinois the next day. Arrangements were to be made with the Chicago representative of the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty to secure a room at the Hotel Sherman in Chicago, if possible, inasmuch as he would not be able to make his train connection to San Francisco until the following day.

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Prior to leaving the Lord Baltimore Hotel, BOCK attempted to obtain a plane reservation to San Francisco without a priority, without success.

The above information, in substance, was forwarded to the Bureau, San Francisco and New York by teletype dated October 5, 1943, 1:00 P. M.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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Because of his position and his contacts with the public,
this informant desires that his name be kept confidential.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO**FILE NO. **97-26**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 11/8/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/26, 27/43	REPORT MADE BY JAMES G. SHORT	alm
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

As State Secretary of the Communist Party in California, Subject continues as chief policy maker and supervisory official of the Party in this State. He was summoned to New York City for a special two-day conference with national Party officials 9/21-23/43, receiving instructions to intensify propaganda for the opening of a second front in Europe; to increase Party control in AFL unions; and to adopt other policies which he has since proceeded to carry out in the California Party organization.

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REFERENCE

Bureau File 61-7618
Report of Special Agent JAMES G. SHORT, San Francisco, 7/21/43
Report of Special Agent HERMAN O. BLY, New York, 9/27/43

DETAILS

Subject's name is maintained on the Key Figure list of Communist Party members in the San Francisco Field Division.

The following information concerning Subject's Communist Party status and activities has been furnished to this office through confidential informants and other reliable sources of information as herein-after identified.

Periodic reports of reliable informants identify Subject as continuing in his capacity as State Secretary of the Communist Party in California, with headquarters at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, where he devotes his full time to Party business. In such capacity, according to

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informants, Subject is the chief policy maker and supervisory official of the Party in the State of California.

No change of residence or other personal data has taken place since referenced report last submitted by the San Francisco office.

Through confidential sources A and B it was ascertained by the San Francisco office that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, met with the CIO Branch of the Communist Party, San Francisco, at the home of PAUL G. PINSKY, 1242 Pierce Street, San Francisco, at 8.00 PM on July 6, 1943. A physical surveillance conducted by Agents of this office in the vicinity of this residence definitely identified Subject as in attendance at this meeting with FOSTER.

Source C reported to this office that on July 25, 1943, Subject, in his capacity as a Party officer, was instructed by JOHN WILLIAMSON, national Party officer of New York City, to press the sale of subscriptions to the publication, "The New Masses," on the grounds that the magazine was considered a most effective political weapon for Party use within the ranks of professional people and the middle class.

The San Francisco office has a copy of an issue of "The California Party Builder," published by the Communist Party State Committee in California, dated August 1943, which was furnished by a confidential source. The front page of this edition contains an extensive article by the Subject, captioned "United Political Action by Labor." In this article Subject points to the need for concerted action by all labor organizations in backing the President and the war effort and in launching a political counter offensive against the defeatists as exemplified by JOHN L. LEWIS and the proponents of the Smith-Connally Act. The article continues, "...There is a growing responsibility for Party members in the trade unions to help hasten this process by more active participation of their own unions in every form of political activity affecting support of the war...Communists should not adopt a narrow, sectarian attitude toward any pro-war forces, including the most conservative...We are willing to unite with all forces in the unions who support the President and the war..."

By report dated August 12, 1943, Source A reported that Subject was contacted in San Francisco by FELIX KUSMAN of New York, an official of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, who was in San Francisco to select a delegation to a conference in Mexico City relating to activities in which the above Committee was interested.

On or about September 1, 1943, the last mentioned informant supplied the information that GENE DEENIS, national Party officer of New York City, had instructed Subject to come to New York City for a short, special conference with national Party officers during the month of September.

This office was advised by Confidential Source D that a convention of the Communist Party organization of San Francisco County was held on September 12, 1943, at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco. Physical surveillance at this address at the time of the meeting by Agents of this office disclosed Subject's attendance at the convention.

A meeting of the State Buro of the Communist Party of California was held at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, on September 15, 1943, which was attended and presided over by Subject, as reported to this office by Confidential Source A. Subsequent to the meeting Source A was informed that at the meeting Subject emphasized that the most difficult job facing the Party during the ensuing months would be the recruiting drive for new members. He also alluded to the problem of enlightening the neighborhood branch units of the Party on the necessity for acceptance of Party trade union members from the industrial branch units which are being dissolved at this time. Subject is also reported to have expressed the desire that more Party members who are active in trade unions work in the open in their labor activities as Party members so that the Party could form from them a labor committee similar to those used by the major political parties.

Confidential Source E reported that Subject departed from San Francisco on September 17, 1943, for New York City for a conference with Party leaders as previously indicated. Informant stated that Subject left San Francisco by train, to arrive in New York City on the morning of September 21, and that he contemplated returning to San Francisco about two weeks later.

The Seattle Field Division advised this office on Sept. 21, 1943, that Subject was scheduled to arrive in Seattle, Washington, on or about September 25 to confer with CARL REEVE, described as the Administrative Secretary for the 12th District of the Communist Party. It was also reported that Subject had secured reservations in Seattle to return to San Francisco on October 1, 1943.

Confirmation of Subject's visit in Seattle en route to San Francisco from New York City was supplied by Confidential Source A who also reported that Subject returned to San Francisco from his trip on October 2, 1943.

Through the cooperation of Source A it was ascertained subsequent to Subject's return to San Francisco that his conference with national Party officers in New York City had concerned the latest international developments and the Party's current tasks in connection therewith. He reported to Party leaders in California that he had been instructed that the greatest single issue facing the Communist Party today is the immediate opening of a second front in Western Europe. Almost immediately after his return from New York, according to the above source, Subject proceeded to carry out in the California Party organization a concerted strategy to

further second front propaganda involving the exertion of immediate pressure on President Roosevelt and the creation of a strong public demand in the United States for such action. Subject ordered a new type of editorial policy in the People's World, Party-dominated newspaper published at San Francisco, to override expected opposition on the West Coast to the second front program, by emphasizing that the defeat of Japan will quickly follow the defeat of Germany. He also ordered all Party members to capitalize on the great Soviet celebrations which are scheduled for the period November 7-16, 1943, instructing them to prepare papers, hold mass meetings, obtain radio time, and use all other means of propaganda at their disposal.

Shortly after his return from New York City, Subject also proposed a strengthening of the Party infiltration in American Federation of Labor unions in this State, a course of action which he likewise may have been instructed to adopt by Party officers. In this connection Subject suggested that the Party organize meetings in San Francisco on a city-wide basis to be held on Sunday for the express and exclusive purpose of promoting Party work within those union organizations.

On October 10, 1943, Confidential Source E reported he had ascertained that Subject ordered the insertion of an editorial on the question of labor unity in the People's World October 12, 1943, issue. In this edition of the paper there is an editorial entitled "Labor United Behind Reilly," referring to and defending a mid-campaign switch by CIO unions in San Francisco in endorsing GEORGE R. REILLY for the office of Mayor after having originally endorsed another candidate. It appears that this is the editorial referred to by Source E as it is the only one in the People's World of that date answering the description as furnished by the informant.

Reference is made to an Associated Press report printed in the San Francisco daily newspapers from Washington, D. C., October 11, 1943, reporting that the United States petition for a re-hearing in the denaturalization case of Subject was denied by the U. S. Supreme Court on that date. In connection with this action by the court, Source A reported that on that date Subject wired a statement to the Daily Worker newspaper in New York City commenting upon the decision.

Source A also advised that on October 24, 1943, Subject made a short trip to Los Angeles, apparently on routine Party business.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California

Will report further pertinent Party activities and status of Subject as received from confidential informants and other reliable sources in the Party.

Copies of this report are furnished to the Los Angeles office for its information in view of Subject's prominence in the Party organization in California and because of information set out herein affecting the Party in the State of California.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES

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The above were designated as confidential sources to
protect further their identities.

November 24, 1943

MEMO, SAC:

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was
REGISTRATION ACT
San Francisco File 97-26

In accordance with Bureau instructions contained in Bureau letter dated October 1, 1943 in the Comrap Case, all reports concerning the above named subject should bear the notation "Refer 5 IS". This notation should be placed under the character of the case so that it will assist the Bureau in the proper routing of all reports when received at the Bureau as this subject is of interest in the Comrap Case.

In connection with the preparation of reports in the above case no mention should be made to the Comrap Case in the details without approval of the Supervisor. In any instance where Comrap is referred to, this should be set forth on the Source of Information Sheet.

OTHO A. EZELL
Special Agent

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
January 29, 1944

Director, FBI

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AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

ATTENTION: SUPERVISOR LISH WHITSON and
FBI LABORATORY

RE: COMINTERN APPARATUS
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a letter in longhand which is believed to be written in the Hebrew language. It is requested that an immediate translation be made of the same and the San Francisco and New York Offices advised as to whether information is contained therein concerning the proposed itinerary of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN who, as you know, is the California State Secretary of the Communist Party. He is reportedly planning to leave for New York City about Wednesday, February 2, 1944, to attend a special meeting with National officers of the Communist Party.

This letter was obtained from a highly confidential source, from which source further information was obtained that it was written either by WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN or his wife, LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN; that it was mailed in an envelope addressed to Mr. and Mrs. I. SCHNEIDER, 1315 Queen Avenue, North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and bore the return address, "C/O BECK, 420 Collingwood St., S. F. 4, Calif."

Photostatic copies of the letter are being retained in the San Francisco Office file and one copy is being forwarded herewith to the New York Office with a copy of this letter for the completion of its files.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure-1

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cc: S. F. File 97026

W. J. L. PIERCE

SAC

New York (Encl.-1) (AMSD)

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*translation of
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JSS.*

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California

January 31, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.
DISTRICT NO. 13
SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, on January 27, 1944, furnished the San Francisco Field Division with a rough draft copy of a speech believed by this office to have been delivered at the Plenum by WILLIAM SCHREIDERMAN, Secretary of the 13th District of the Communist Party, U. S. A. This speech is set out in full below:

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"I want to express the full agreement of the Calif. delegation with the report of Com. BROWDER, which has made such a great contribution to enlightening the path we must follow in the light of the Teheran Declaration.

"It will serve as a powerful factor for unity of the democratic forces in their war and post-war tasks, and esp. in guaranteeing victory in the 1944 Presidential Elections. We must approach these elections fully conscious of the fact that a defeat might well change the course of history and the democratic perspective which was opened to us by the Teheran Conference.

"This places the gravest responsibilities on the Labor & anti-fascist camp, but especially on the shoulders of the Communists. We in California have been striving for some time to arouse a sense of great urgency in the labor and progressive movement, & of its leadership, to see how much is at stake in this coming election struggle and to prepare for it.

"The danger is all the greater because in Calif. the defeatists have learned how to conceal their aims behind a liberal front, which,

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aided by confusion and division in the progressive ranks, served to deceive the progressive majority in California.

"And yet under the pressure of events, Gov. WARREN has been forced to reveal his hand more and more, and his ties with the ROOVLER Camp from which he sprang. After one year in office his record has shown little more than lip-service to the war effort. The HEARST press evidently didn't take his pro-war pretensions too seriously, as they have already urged him to run for President. The SCRIPPS-ROHARD press speaks frequently of him as a vice-presidential running mate for Dewey. And while WARREN is rather coy about it, it is certain that he will file in the Republican presidential primaries on May 2nd, with a delegation pledged to him, running against a WILLIAMS slate. (Altho deal with WILLIAMS not out of the question.)

"This new-found presidential or vice-pres. possibility maintains a COOLIDGE-like silence on most national and international questions of policy, probably so as not to betray the petty-minded ignorance of a labor-hating, red-baiting prosecuting attorney, which he once was. When he does speak, he reveals that to him the main danger to this country stems not from Berlin, but from Washington, not from Fascism, but from Federal Bureaucracy which he calls totalitarianism. He has never yet mentioned the fascist enemy, in any public statement, and his only reference to international affairs or our allies was after the Markinker Island Republican conferences, when he said we can't make any international commitments until we see what our allies are up to.

"WARREN's attitude toward urgent war tasks can perhaps best be seen, by the fact, that after one year in office he is calling a spec session of the Leg. to take up one question - the all-important question of Prison Reform. Only as an afterthought, and under pressure, did he add the soldiers vote question, & not to memorialize Congress for a Federal Law, but to pass an innocuous amendment to the absentee voting law.

"On one question Gov. WARREN has really shown his teeth. This is on the question of the Japanese internees. He has joined with HEARST in whipping up a campaign of chauvinism and race hatred, with the demand that all Japanese be excluded from California after the war, deprived of citizenship and shipped back to Japan. He tried to whip up a hysteria over the fact that the Army authorities permitted about a dozen of the evacuees, of whose loyalty they were convinced to return to the West Coast.

"Quote from letter - as result of this camp, etc. (Not available.)

"In the face of all this, the Dem Party has hardly begun to bestir itself. There is no question how the Calif. Democrats stand on ROOSEVELT.

Director, FBI

January 31, 1944

It is already assured that a ROOSEVELT slate will file in the May pres. primaries. But the party is paralyzed, divided, split by factions, and in no condition to enter a crucial election struggle. It is to overcome this situation that the labor movement, progressive Democrats, and Party forces has been bending its efforts in recent months.

"As a result of pressure from labor and left-wing forces, some important developments are beginning to take shape in the Dem. party at the last meeting of the Dem. State Central Committee, Attorney-General ROBERT W. KENNY, the most important Dem. leader, presented for discussion a pol. platform and a program of action for the '44 elections, which if adopted & carried out can fundamentally change the whole relation of forces in California.

"Here are its main planks: (See Insert Platform) - Not available.

"If such a platform is adopted by the Dem party, it is clear that we have a basis for the closest collaboration between the Democrats and the Communists in a broad coalition. It emphasizes the timeliness & correctness of the changes proposed in Com. BROWDER's report to this Plenum. We have still to work out more in detail how the change from a party to a pol. association will affect our relations with the Dem. party organization. But I am confident that it will be possible for us in Calif. who have had close co-operative relations with prog. Democrats since 1936, to find new forms, still closer relations with the Democrats on the basis of Com. BROWDER's report.

"An indication of the friendly spirit in which our co-operation is received is an incident at this same meeting of the Dem State Central Com. The state vice-Chairman of the Dem party, who was the labor-backed candidate for Mayor in the recent S F elections, made a proposal that the party establish a newspaper, and pointed to the fact that 'The Communists have a daily newspaper, the peoples World, and (that) it did a good job in the S. F. elections.'

"In the labor movement, likewise, there are signs that the situation is changing for the better. In San Francisco, the labor unity established in the late stages of the mayoralty elections promises to be extended into the 1944 campaign. In Oakland a United Labor Com has been officially established for some time. In Los Angeles, a new progressive leadership was elected in the C L C, breaking up the long-standing EUGENE dictatorialship, and the AFL set up a Pol action Com which is already co-operating with the CIO on a big ROOSEVELT rally where WALLACE will speak."

Director, FBI

January 31, 1944

Copies of the above speech have been sent to the New York and Los Angeles Field Offices and the rough draft copy furnished by the confidential informant is being retained in the files of the San Francisco Field Division.

Very truly yours,

H. J. L. FLAHER
SAC

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cc: New York
Los Angeles

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California

February 2, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with
aliases
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a photostatic copy of a document which appears to be the report of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN at the Plenum on June 13, 1943. The original document was furnished to this office by Confidential Informant [redacted]

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Copies of this document have been furnished to San Diego and Los Angeles Field Divisions and a copy is being retained in the subject's file. This is being furnished to the Bureau for information.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, 4, California
February 11, 1944

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Internal Security - C


WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases	NATURALIZED	COMMUNIST
Bill Schneiderman, Velvel Schneiderman (before #31)		K.F.
Bill Smithley, W. J. Williams, B. L.		
Williams, Wolf Schneiderman, William		
Sherman		

425 Collingwood Street
San Francisco, Calif. (Res.)

121 Haight Street
San Francisco, Calif. (Bus.)

Form letter to Bureau advising of change in Security Index Card.

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY C. BUREAU DESIRES LOOSE SURVEILLANCE AND COVERAGE OF SUBJECT THROUGH TECHNICAL SOURCE FOR PERIOD OF ONE WEEK AFTER RETURN TO DETERMINE ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS. MAY HAVE OBTAINED COPIES OF "THE DOCUMENT" MENTIONED IN BUREAU TELETYPE JANUARY TWENTY SIX LAST IN INSTANT CASE.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 3-6-44 V	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-24-44 to 3-1-44	REPORT MADE BY JAMES GILBERT SHORT	MGR
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C Refer 5-IS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently resides at 425 Collingwood Street, San Francisco, and continues to devote full time to duties as State Secretary, Communist Party, California, at Party Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco. He attended meetings of the Communist Party Plenum at New York City January 7 to 11, 1944, where he was elected as one of five members of the executive committee of the "National Election and Political Action Committee" of the Communist Party. He likewise left San Francisco on 2-3-44 to attend a special meeting with Party officers in New York City and returned about ten days later.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent JAMES G. SHORT dated 11-8-43 at San Francisco, California.

Details: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

The name of this subject is maintained on the Key Figure List of Communists in the San Francisco Field Division.

The following information concerning pertinent Party activities of this subject has been supplied to this office from time to time by confidential informants and other reliable sources of information as hereinafter noted.

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On October 17, 1943, according to Confidential Informant [] the subject was the main speaker at the convention of the Communist Party for Alameda County, California held at Jenny Lind Hall, Oakland. According to this informant, his address was mainly devoted at the convention to criticizing President ROOSEVELT and WINSTON CHURCHILL for their failure to open an immediate second front in Europe.

Confidential Informant [] reported to this office that the subject went to Los Angeles, California to participate with Party leaders there in a meeting and discussion with key Union leaders in that area on November 17 and 18, 1943. This same informant also reported on November 11, 1943 a close contact about that date between the subject and other state Communist Party officers and important labor leaders of the CIO, particularly PHILLIP CONNELLY and MERVYN RATHBORNE.

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Confidential Informant [] likewise supplied the information that the subject departed from San Francisco on December 1, 1943 for a five-day trip to Seattle, Washington on Party business, where he participated as a speaker at a large mass meeting in Seattle, Washington sponsored by the Northwest District of the Communist Party on December 3, 1943.

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Further information on the subject's participation in the above meeting at Seattle, Washington was obtained from Confidential Informant [] through whose cooperation this office obtained and has placed as an exhibit in its files an original copy of an advertising leaflet issued by the Northwest District of the Communist Party of America at Seattle, Washington, which announces an address by the subject in Seattle, Washington on December 3, 1943 under Party auspices entitled, "Why the Moscow Conference Speeds Victory."

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Confidential Informant [] has also furnished a report to this office that a special Communist Party State School was conducted at Party Headquarters, San Francisco, 121 Haight Street, from December 6 through December 10, 1943 for the indoctrination of Party leaders in this area. The informant further reported that one of the main lectures at this school was given by the subject entitled, "Disillusion of the Communist International and the Future of International Labor Unity."

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The December, 1943 issue of "The Communist," official Communist Party monthly publication, a copy of which is available in the files of this office, contains an article written by the subject entitled, "The San Francisco Elections." In this article, the subject ascribes the election of a "Big Business" mayor in San Francisco in November, 1943 to the continued divisions in the rank of labor and to the factional splits in the Democratic Party. He states that the election results were a jolt to the labor movement in San Francisco whose leaders, according to him, are begin-

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ning to realize that continued disunity will have disastrous consequences in the elections of 1944. According to this article, the very active participation of the Communist Party in this election, principally on behalf of its candidate, Mrs. OLETA O'CONNOR YATES, the San Francisco County Secretary of the Party, gained for the Party wide recognition in labor and political circles. It did much, according to the subject, to establish its full citizenship in the community.

The article points to the fact that the Party's candidate and its political program generally were received with friendly and enthusiastic reception by various small social and labor organizations in San Francisco having no Party affiliations. The author then urged that a larger number of Communist members in San Francisco should become active in these community organizations and thus get into a better position to influence them in a "progressive political direction".

Through the cooperation of Confidential Informant [] and [] and other reliable sources of information, it was ascertained that the subject together with LOUISE TODD LAMBERT and CARL WINTER of Los Angeles went to New York City to attend the meetings of the Communist Party Plenum in that city from January 7 through January 11, 1944. The subject, WINTER, and LAMBERT were the only members of the Communist Party National Committee from California who attended this Plenum.

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It was ascertained by a physical surveillance of the subject that he and Mrs. LAMBERT left San Francisco together by train at 9:40 A.M., January 3, 1944 for the above trip and contemplated arrival in New York City at 9:30 A.M. on January 7, 1944.

Confidential Informant [] advised in connection with the subject's attendance at the Plenum that the subject was specifically invited by EARL BROWDER to attend a special meeting of Party leaders on January 7, 1944 at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 48th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City.

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Confidential Informant [] reported the subject returned to San Francisco from the above trip by train on January 15, 1944.

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Confidential Informant [] reported that while the subject was in attendance at the Plenum in New York City on January 9, 1944, he was elected by the National Committee to a post on the "National Election and Political Action Committee" of the Communist Party as one of fifteen members so elected, and was further designated as one of five members of the executive committee of this body.

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Subsequent to January 15, 1944 and the subject's return to

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San Francisco, this office was supplied with information from Confidential Informants [redacted] as well as by other reliable sources of information, that the subject devoted practically all of his time to attending numerous Party meetings and discussion groups both in San Francisco and in Oakland, where he instructed Party members on the decisions reached and policies adopted at the meetings in New York City, particularly with reference to the effects on Party policy and procedure of the announcements of the Teheran Conference.

This office was informed by Confidential Informant [redacted] in the latter part of January, 1944 that the subject intended to move from his residence at 1550 - 9th Avenue, San Francisco to 425 Collingwood Street, San Francisco. The subject actually did move to the latter address on January 31, 1944 as was ascertained by a physical surveillance of his movements on that date by agents of this office and he continues to reside at this address.

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Reports received by this office from Confidential Informants [redacted] advised that the subject was requested to return to New York City by Party officials during the first week of February, 1944 for a special meeting and apparently further instructions on developments of Party policy subsequent to the meeting of the National Plenum in January, 1944.

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A physical surveillance on the movements of this subject in San Francisco was made by agents of this office from January 27, 1944 through February 3, 1944, during the course of which no unusual or suspicious activities on his part were noted. As a result of this surveillance, it was determined that the subject departed from San Francisco at 9:00 P.M., February 3, 1944 for Los Angeles, California enroute to New York City in accordance with Party instructions. Through the same means, it was ascertained that the subject returned to San Francisco on February 14, 1944, after which the physical surveillance on his activities in San Francisco was again instituted by agents of this office from that date through February 19, 1944. No suspicious or unusual activities on the part of this subject were noted during the course of such surveillance.

The subject's continued residence at 425 Collingwood Street, San Francisco, and his daily full-time occupation at the Communist Party Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco, were, however, confirmed by the surveillance.

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SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California:

Will follow further pertinent activities of this subject through confidential informants and other reliable sources of information.

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
March 23, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith two photographs of the subject which were copied from photographs of him appearing in the People's World newspaper in June, 1943.

These photographs are being forwarded for identification purposes in view of subject's status as a key figure.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER *PSB*
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San Francisco, California
April 7, 1944

MEMO, SAC

Re: CIO BRANCH, COMMUNIST PARTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Confidential Informants [] and [] have indicated on occasions that meetings of the CIO Branch of the Communist Party are on occasions held on Tuesday mornings at the home of PAUL PINSKY, 1242 Pierce Street, San Francisco.

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On April 4, 1944 Special Agent JOHN MANTON and the writer conducted a surveillance in the vicinity of 1242 Pierce Street, arriving at 10:00 A.M. and observed the automobiles registered to the following persons parked in front of the address of 1242 Pierce Street:

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
RICHARD LYNDEN
HERVYN RATHBORNE
LOUIS GOLDBLATT

At 11:10 A. M. the meeting broke up and six individuals emerged in a group from PINSKY'S house. Surveilling agents recognized SCHNEIDERMAN, RATHBORNE, SCHUR, LYNDEN, and GOLDBLATT. The sixth individual, observed only from a distance, may possibly have been GEORGE WILSON. However, this individual left the meeting in company of LOUIS GOLDBLATT. No positive identification on this sixth individual was made. However, the other individuals named in this memo were definitely identified as attending this meeting at the home of PAUL PINSKY, which meeting included the presence of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, State Secretary of the Communist Party which, from all indications, is the regular Tuesday morning meeting of the CIO Branch of the Communist Party.

ARTHUR FRED BAIER
Special Agent

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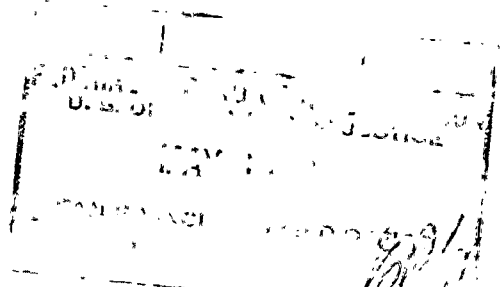
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Re: William Schneidman
INTERNAL SECURITY - C ()
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File # 97-26

A photostatic copy of a Voter's Registration Affidavit in regard to above subject which shows intent of affiliation with the Communist Party in primary elections has been secured and is being maintained in a folder by the Communist Squad.

These affidavits have been filed alphabetically and may be examined whenever necessary.

EDWARD DORNLAS, JR.
EUGENE P. GREER
Special Agents



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San Francisco, California
June 6, 1944

MEMO SAC:

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The PEOPLES WORLD newspaper issue of May 31, 1944 reported the newly elected officers and national committee of the Communist Political Association. This article sets forth these officers in the entire United States, however, the six Californians reported in the national picture are as follows:

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN was elected 11th Vice-President, while ANITA WHITNEY, PETTIS PERRY, STEVE NELSON, LOUISE TODD and CARL WINTER were named to the National Committee of the newly formed Communist Political Association. OLITA YATES was named as an alternate member to the National Committee.

The news article mentioned above setting forth all of the National Officers and Committee Members has been serialized in San Francisco file 100-11889.

ARTHUR FRED BAIER
Special Agent

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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
Summary of Information
June 5 - June 18, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant has advised that the subject has been in contact with HARRY BRIDGES and has inquired as to BRIDGES' plans about leaving town and made an appointment to meet BRIDGES for a discussion.

Informant has revealed that subject and his wife are on very friendly terms with ISAAC FOLKOFF and Mrs. FOLKOFF.

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California
July 14, 1944

Memo, SAC:

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
Internal Security-C

Reference is made to the notation on the log of [] at 2:25 P.M. on July 11, 1944, wherein it is noted that SCHNEIDERMAN received a phone call from an unknown individual introducing himself to SCHNEIDERMAN as "AL, you know." An appointment was made in this conversation for SCHNEIDERMAN to meet this unknown individual at the drug store down the hill from 121 Haight Street at 5:00 P.M. on July 11, 1944.

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The writer and Special Agent LAMONT L. THOMPSON established a surveillance on the Hub Drug Store, Market and Haight Streets, prior to 5:00 P.M. At 5:30 P.M. SCHNEIDERMAN was seen to drive to the drug store in his automobile, entered the drug store and immediately returned to his automobile with an unknown individual.

SCHNEIDERMAN and this unknown individual, AL, sat in SCHNEIDERMAN'S car on Market Street in front of the Hub Drug Store for 25 minutes. During this time they were engaged in earnest conversation and at 5:55 P.M. the unknown individual departed by streetcar down Market Street. It should be noted that this individual appeared to be in a good frame of mind, apparently satisfied with the conversation he had with SCHNEIDERMAN. He is described as approximately 35 years of age, 5' 8" or 9" tall, weighing 150 pounds, black hair and cut long and receding in front, small bald spot on top, small black mustache, wears glasses to read, dark complexion, heavy beard, wore light grey loose fitting double-breasted suit and was ~~bare~~ headed.

This individual left the streetcar at 4th and Market Streets, proceeded across Market Street, took a Stockton streetcar to the 900 block on Columbus Avenue where he got off the streetcar and walked back and entered a building determined to be 809 or 809¹/₂ Columbus Avenue.

This individual was carrying a newspaper and no other articles during this time and contacted no one after speaking with SCHNEIDERMAN.

The reverse telephone directory lists one FRANK MILLS to be residing at 809¹/₂ Columbus Avenue, TUXedo 4978. This name and phone number were checked with negative results against the Communist Party index phone book.

Contact with Miss TREWIG, U. S. Post Office, determined that the addresses in this locality are 809, 809-A and 809¹/₂. It should be noted that the unknown individual surveilled did not enter 809-A. Miss TREWIG advised

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RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
Internal Security-C

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July 14, 1944

that contact with the letter carrier developed that individuals named WARD, KELLY and MILLS resided in this building along with one or perhaps two others, unknown to the letter carrier.

The writer contacted the Superintendent of the North Beach Post Office and determined that one ARTHUR CIARLANTI was the recipient of a circular letter mailed to him at 809 Columbus Avenue, which was determined to be a throwaway advertising a book on sex education, mailed from Suite 309 at 220 5th Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The Communist Party indices were checked with negative results regarding this individual.

Arrangements have been made for a 10-day mail cover to be placed on 809, 809-A and 809 $\frac{1}{2}$ Columbus Avenue.

Miss TREEWIG assured the writer that the carrier on this route was a reliable individual and an old employee in the Post Office Department.

On July 13, 1944 the writer noted the following licenses parked in the vicinity of 809 Columbus Avenue, none of which are indexed in the Communist Party files of this office:

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18 G 442
2 F 4421
2 F 542

These licenses are noted for information purposes only. It is not believed that knowledge of the owners of these cars is necessary at the present time.

WARREN W. RICHMOND
Special Agent

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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
June 19 to July 2, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant has not provided this office with any information which presently appears to be significant.

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, San Francisco

FROM : JOHN B. LITTLE, SAC, Buffalo

SUBJECT: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN;
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

DATE: 7-20-44

On May 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1944, Buffalo Confidential National Defense Informant [] attended the National Convention of the Communist Party in New York City. [] stated that on May 22, 1944 the above named subject was introduced for a brief speech to the delegates.

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This information is being furnished for the completion of your file. The Bureau and the New York City Field Division are cognizant.

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July 24, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
July 3 to July 16, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

During the period noted above, this office advised that LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN has revealed that she is intending to give a party at her home to raise funds for the People's World. Informant advised that an unknown individual discouraged her in this activity, saying that it was too much work for her.

Very truly yours,

E. J. L. PIEPER *EPB*
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO**

FILE NO. **97-26**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 8/1/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/11, 28, 31/1944	REPORT MADE BY JAMES G. SHORT em
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN w.a.s.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

REFER 5 I S

Subject is State President of the Communist Political Assn., Calif., and continues to devote his full time to duties as Chief Assn. Officer in Dist. #13, at Hdqtrs., S.F. He is the 11th Vice President of the C.P.A. of the U.S.; a member of the Executive Committee of the Assn.; and continues as Liason Officer between the Calif. Assn. and the Nat'l Officers in N.Y. In his capacity as Chief Spokesman for the Assn locally, he works closely with Communist members and sympathizers in the C.I.O., and the C.I.O. Political Action Committee. He has conferred with ROBERT KENNY, Calif. Attorney General and State Democratic Spokesman on political questions and dictates the editorial policy of the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" S.F., on important political issues.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File #61-7618
Report of Special Agent JAMES G. SHORT, dated March 6, 1944, at San Francisco

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

This subject is on the Key Figure List of the Communists maintained by this Field Division.

The following information concerning Communist activities of this subject has been supplied to this office from time to time by confidential informants and by other reliable sources of information as hereinafter noted:

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San Francisco File #97-26

Confidential SOURCE A reported his knowledge of a meeting at San Francisco, California, on or about February 16, 1944, between this subject and ROBERT KENNY, Attorney General of the State of California, and the highest ranking Democratic Official in the State for a conference on Political questions and the future of industrial and social developments on the West Coast.

It is noted that SCHNEIDERMAN at one time was a client of KENNY when the latter was engaged in the private practice of law.

During the latter part of February 1944, Confidential SOURCE B reported to this office that fairly frequent meetings were taking place between SCHNEIDERMAN and MERVIN RATHBORNE who is a Communist and an important officer in the C.I.O. of California. This informant likewise reported the fact that SCHNEIDERMAN and JOHN WILLIAMSON, a national officer of the Communist Party from New York City, who was visiting in San Francisco, at the time in connection with Party business, met with leading Communist Party members within the State C.I.O. organization in California, in San Francisco on February 28, 1944.

Photographs of SCHNEIDERMAN escorting JOHN WILLIAMSON to a Communist Party meeting held at 1428 Alice Street, Oakland, California, on February 27, 1944, have been supplied to the office by Confidential Informant

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Confidential Informant B again reported to this office on May 4, 1944, a close cooperation between SCHNEIDERMAN and PAUL PINSKY, as a result of which SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that he had obtained industrial statistics and similar information for use in a speech before a Communist group, apparently made available by PINSKY from information known to him in his capacity as Research Director of the C.I.O.

Through Confidential Source D and other reliable sources, it was learned that SCHNEIDERMAN was elected a delegate to the National Convention of the Communist Party held at New York City in May 1944, by the State Convention of the Party in California; that he attended such convention leaving San Francisco for such purpose on May 13, 1944, and returning on May 29, 1944.

In an article appearing in the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" newspaper of San Francisco, May 31, 1944, in which were named the Committee elected National Officers of the Communist Political Association, SCHNEIDERMAN was named as the Eleventh Vice President and as a member of a newly formed National Executive Committee of the Association.

Confidential SOURCE D informed this office on June 5, 1944, that the Communist Political Association had decided to name SCHNEIDERMAN the Editor of the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" newspaper, in line with a new policy of specialization within the Party, on the part of those organizational representatives. No direct evidence has been received as yet by this office indicating that SCHNEIDERMAN has been placed formally in charge of the newspaper, but Confidential

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Informant SOURCE B has supplied this office with several incidents that have come to his attention, indicating very clearly that editorials and the editorial policy of the "PEOPLE'S WORLD" are dictated directly by SCHNEIDERMAN, on important political and allied issues at the present time.

In about July, 1944, Confidential Informants B and E have notified this office that subject was elected to the office of State President of the Communist Political Association of California, which office he presently holds; and that he continues to devote his full time in such capacity as Chief of the Communist Association in the 13th District at the Association Headquarters, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At San Francisco, California:

Will follow pertinent activities of this subject through confidential informants and other reliable sources of information.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

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In connection with a report from Confidential Informant [redacted] set out in instant report, concerning a contact between SCHNEIDERMAN and PAUL PINSKY, C.I.O. Research Director of California, concerning the obtaining of industrial information by SCHNEIDERMAN from PINSKY, it is further noted that this informant reported that on that date SCHNEIDERMAN contacted PINSKY and asked for and received from him information as to whether the following plants were then in operation:

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BITEL-MC CULLOUGH CO., of Salt Lake City, Utah
(Described as a manufacturer of Radar &
Radio Equipment)
A Steel Mill in Utah
Various Aluminum plants in the State of Washington.

The informant reported that SCHNEIDERMAN informed PINSKY that he desired this information for a report that he intended to make at a Communist meeting.

Confidential Informant [redacted] again reported to this office on July 8, 1944, that SCHNEIDERMAN contacted HARRY BRIDGES, West Coast Director of the C.I.O., and said: "I understand you have some visitors in town." BRIDGES replied in the affirmative and invited SCHNEIDERMAN to come over immediately which SCHNEIDERMAN agreed to do.

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The above informants have been identified by confidential symbol and the items of information set out above have been placed on this Source Sheet rather than within the body of the report, in order to assure complete protection of the identity of the informants.

Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
August 5, 1944

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
July 17 to July 30, 1944
Confidential Informant [redacted]

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Dear Sir:

This informant has advised that the subject has departed for Los Angeles in view of the reclassification of CARL WINTER into class 1-A by an appeal board in Los Angeles. According to informant, SCHNEIDERMAN was obliged to go to Los Angeles to handle Communist matters should WINTER be drafted. The informant revealed that although WINTER will be 38 in about two months, the possibility of his being drafted is apparently real. According to informant, the County Convention of the CPA has been postponed because of the impending induction of WINTER.

Very truly yours,

WLB
M. J. L. PIEPER
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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
August 29, 1944

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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
July 31 to August 13, 1944
Confidential Informant

b7E

Dear Sir:

During the period noted above, this informant has provided this office with no information that presently appears to be outstanding.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
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San Francisco, California
September 5, 1944

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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
August 14 to August 27, 1944
Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

This informant has advised that subject has been in contact with ERNEST THORNTON, Australian delegate to the World Labor Convention, during THORNTON'S stay in San Francisco.

The informant was able to advise this office of the date and place of subject's meeting THORNTON.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper
N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
September 15, 1944

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
August 28 to September 10, 1944
Confidential Informant [redacted]

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Dear Sir:

During this period, informant advised that the subject contacted WALTER STACK and instructed him to call for ERNEST THORNTON, the Australian Communist trade union leader, in order to accompany THORNTON to the meeting of the Seamen's Branch of the CPA at which branch THORNTON would speak.

Informant was present when subject secured a railroad reservation from San Francisco to Seattle on the strength of his assertion that he was a newspaper editor for the PEOPLES WORLD in San Francisco

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER
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*"The Communists and
the American Tradition"*

Radio Address

by

William Schneiderman

State President, Communist Political Assn. of California

September 27th

(Wednesday)

KFBK	Sacramento	6:00 P.M.
KMS	Fresno	9:30 P.M.
KERN	Bakersfield	9:30 P.M.
KFSD	San Diego	9:30 P.M.
KPMS	Santa Barbara	10:30 P.M.
KWG	Stockton	11:00 P.M.

September 28th

(Thursday)

KPRO	Riverside	8:15 P.M.
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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
September 11 to 24, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant advised that the subject attended the CPA Convention at Los Angeles and previous to this convention he had been in Seattle.

This informant advised of the subject's error in his speech, which was recorded for later radio broadcast, in that he neglected to mention the fact that the Communist Party had been dissolved and the Political Association subsequently formed. Informant recalled that the subject stated that he was quite upset in view of this error, but that other functionaries at the Communist Headquarters didn't think that it was necessary to make another recording. Informant recalled that, in spite of this opinion, he later did make another recording, correcting his previous error.

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Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER
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Room 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
October 19, 1944

Director, FBI

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN;
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Summary of Information
September 25 to October 8, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

During the period noted above this informant has not been able to supply this office with any information other than to advise that the Subject had attempted to contact HEDLEY of CIO-PAC in California but was unable to complete arrangements to speak with him.

Informant advised that an individual named VERA, possibly VERA CASPARY contacted the Subject and mentioned several mutual acquaintances, many of whom were in the armed service.

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. Pieper
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San Francisco 4, California
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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
October 9 to October 22, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant was present when the subject and PAUL CLINE were discussing WENDELL WILLKIE, and it was recalled by the informant that SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that the first time he had met WILLKIE was the day after Pearl Harbor when he had gone into WILLKIE's office. Informant recalled that the subject stated that he next met WILLKIE just before a GOP meeting in St. Louis and that at that time WILLKIE had stated to the subject that he and FELIX (perhaps FELIX FRANKFURTER) had studied Marxism and had discussed it in their younger days; that FELIX feels that it is a perfectly legitimate topic for discussion.

Informant recalled that in a discussion of the New York DAILY WORKER, SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that the main thing wrong with the paper was that it is too exclusively concerned with New York and that the movement should have more local papers. Informant recalled that SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that the PEOPLES WORLD should be judged by the fact that it is an overwhelming part of the CPA and that it is actually the thing that ties the movement together. Informant recalled that CLINE evidently belittled the position of the PEOPLES WORLD, inasmuch as the subject was heard to state that he could not agree with CLINE's thinking and said that CLINE was too much influenced by whether the people involved were important. Informant recalled that SCHNEIDERMAN stated that channels must be found for Communism and that the PEOPLES WORLD is one of these channels. Informant recalled at a little later time in this conversation that SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that he approved of the idea of the PEOPLES WORLD not identifying itself with the Communist movement, although that pretext presents some problems.

Informant advised that CARL WINTER of Los Angeles had contacted the subject regarding the summons MAX SILVER received from the TENNEY Committee then sitting in Los Angeles. Informant recalled that SCHNEIDERMAN warned WINTER that he had better start thinking over what he would say if he were summoned and that among things that he should say were that no candidates were endorsed other than ROOSEVELT and that if the Committee

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Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

had any leaflets showing material for other candidates, that material should be passed off as being issued by some club and that the material was not authorized. Informant recalled that WINTER indicated that he might make himself "scarce" so that he couldn't be summoned, and SCHNEIDERMAN felt that this might be a good idea.

Informant advised that the subject had been contacted by DAVID HEDLEY and that HEDLEY at this time suggested that he and the subject get together on October 17 at the usual place. Informant recalled that the subject then asked why HEDLEY had been so long in contacting the subject, whereupon HEDLEY stated that a few things had not been going so well lately.

Very truly yours,


N. J. L. PIEPER
SAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Suite 1729-111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, 4, Calif.
November 11, 1944

Director, FBI

RE: **WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was,**
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

The copy of the Security Index Card maintained at this field office relative to the above-named individual has been revised and is now captioned as follows:

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was,

NATURALIZED
(before #31)

COMMUNIST
K.F.

425 Collingwood Street
San Francisco, Calif. (Res.)

942 Market Street, Room 710
San Francisco, Calif. (Bus.)

In accordance with Bureau instructions, a white 5" x 8" card, captioned as above, has been prepared and filed in the Confidential Security Index Card File of this office. Appropriate disposition has been made of the card previously maintained in the Card File, in accordance with existing instructions. It is suggested that the original Security Index Card maintained at the Seat of Government be revised in agreement with the caption above set out.

Very truly yours,

N.J.P.
N.J.P. Pieper
Special Agent in Charge

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97-26

WHEN THE ACTION REQUIRED HEREBY HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THIS LETTER
SHOULD NOT BE FILED BUT SHOULD BE DESTROYED.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

San Francisco, Calif.

FILE NO 97-26

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 11/11/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/2/44	REPORT MADE BY JAMES G. SHORT lmr
TITLE WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was,			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C REFER 5 I.S.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues position as State President of CPA, California, and as liaison officer between California CPA and National CPA Headquarters in New York. He is chief spokesman and top ranking Communist on the Pacific Coast. He makes frequent trips to Los Angeles and occasional trips to Seattle, and devotes full time to guiding local Communist activities from new CPA Headquarters, 942 Market Street, San Francisco. He has closely conferred with DAVID HEDLEY, CIO-PAC Director in San Francisco (and CPA member) throughout the period of the current national political campaigns and he has dictated and closely supervised the news articles and editorial policy of the San Francisco "People's World" newspaper in behalf of the backing of the Fourth Term and other policies of the CPA.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 61-6718.
 Report of Special Agent JAMES G. SHORT, at San Francisco, dated 8/1/44.

DETAILS: The name of this subject is maintained on the Key Figure list of Communists residing within the San Francisco Field Division.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation concerning Communist activities of this subject has been supplied to this office from time to time by confidential informants and by other reliable sources of information as hereafter noted subsequent to the period covered in the report of reference:

Confidential Source A reported that the subject went to Los Angeles, California for several days consulting with CPA leaders of that city on July 24, 1944.

Confidential Source B reported that the subject went to Seattle, Washington, on September 12, 1944 for a two-day conference with CPA officials of that city in connection with which he wired the National Headquarters of the CPA in New York informing them of his trip to Seattle and requesting that special written information be sent to him for use at Seattle by national officials of the CPA.

The last informant further reported that the subject journeyed to Los Angeles, California, on September 17, 1944 to attend a three-day conference and convention of the CPA in that city.

Confidential Source B has also furnished this office with the information that the subject closely conferred with ERNEST THORNTON Australian delegate to the proposed World Labor Conference in London in June, 1944, which was cancelled. THORNTON, a reported member of the Communist Party in Australia, spent several days in San Francisco in August, 1944 awaiting passage on his return to Australia during the course of which at SCHNEIDERMAN's request and invitation, he addressed the meetings of the Communist Seamen's Club in San Francisco, to which he identified himself as a Communist and spoke at length on Communist activities in Australia.

From July 24, 1944 to date Confidential Informant A has reported a very close association and consultation between the subject and DAVID HEDLEY, Director of the GIO-P/C, who is a known Communist. These conferences between HEDLEY and SCHNEIDERMAN related to the conduct of the political campaign on behalf of the Political Action Committee by HEDLEY in which he sought on many occasions the advice and approval of SCHNEIDERMAN.

Throughout the period mentioned above, Confidential Informant C has reported that the subject dictated news and editorial policies of the San Francisco daily "People's World", including the giving of instructions to HARRISON GEORGE, an editor, to attack all of the THOMAS E. DEWEY speeches during the presidential campaign without stint.

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During this period, the subject also was reported by this informant to have received various items of political propaganda from the CPA National Headquarters in New York which he was instructed to insert into the "People's World" newspaper.

On September 27, and 28, 1944 in the fulfillment of his duties as the chief spokesman for the CPA in California, SCHNEIDERMAN gave recorded radio addresses over local radio stations at Sacramento, Fresno, Bakersfield, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Stockton, and Riverside, California, on the subject, "The Communists and the American Tradition".

The informants previously mentioned in this report as well as a number of others of equal reliability who are acquainted with Communist activities in San Francisco have reported the continuance of the subject's position as State President of the CPA of California and as the chief official of the 13th District of the CPA with Headquarters at San Francisco where he devotes his full time to guiding the CPA activities. With the moving of the State Headquarters of the CPA to the Garfield Building, 942 Market Street, San Francisco, on September 18, 1944 the subject's office was likewise moved to that address.

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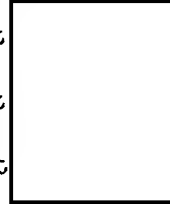
AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will follow pertinent activities of this subject through confidential informants and other reliable sources of information.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

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These informants have been designated ~~as~~ confidential informants in this report in order to insure complete protection of their identities in view of the large amount of information that they are continually furnishing to this office.

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CODE A AS UNDERSCOREDURGENT

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, SAN FRANCISCO


NOVEMBER 14, 1944

DIRECTOR AND SAC'S CHICAGO AND NEW YORK

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY C. SCHNEIDERMAN, CPA SECRETARY
THIRTEENTH DISTRICT, DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER THIRTEEN ON SOUTHERN
PACIFIC OVERLAND, BELIEVED OCCUPYING LOWER TWELVE, CAR S EIGHTYSIX, ARRIVING
CHICAGO EIGHT THIRTY A.M. NOVEMBER SIXTEEN. HAS RESERVATIONS LOWER FOUR,
CAR FOUR EIGHTYFOUR, PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL TRAIN NUMBER FORTYEIGHT LEAVING
CHICAGO TWO THIRTY P.M. NOVEMBER SIXTEEN FOR NEW YORK CITY WHERE HE IS TO
ATTEND A NATIONAL ^{Board} ~~BOARD~~ MEETING OF CPA. HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEW YORK
CITY NOVEMBER TWENTY VIA NEW YORK CENTRAL AND SANTA FE RETURNING SAN FRANCISCO
ABOUT NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE. ACCORDING TO INFORMANT RESERVATIONS WERE MADE
UNDER NAME OF WILLIAM BOARDMAN. INFORMANTS ADVISE HIS ADDRESS IN NEW YORK
CITY MAY BE TWELVE WEST FORTY FOURTH STREET. CHICAGO REQUESTED TO CONDUCT
SURVEILLANCE WHILE IN THAT CITY AND VERIFY RESERVATIONS ON DEPARTURE TO NEW YORK
AND ADVISE LATTER OFFICE. NEW YORK REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL
SURVEILLANCE WHILE THERE.

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent 7:30 P

Per 

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:


FBI, SAN FRANCISCO 11/15/44

SAC, NEW YORK URGENT

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN. INTERNAL SECURITY - C. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATING
SUBJECT STAYING AT HOTEL PICCADILLY, TWO TWENTY-SEVEN WEST FORTY-FIFTH
STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

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Approved: 
Special Agent in Charge

Sent 4¹⁴ M Per 

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Chicago, Illinois
November 16, 1944

CONF TO DIRECTOR AND SAC NYC URGENT

WENT. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. SCHNEIDERMAN
CPA SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS THIRTEENTH DISTRICT ARRIVED
CHICAGO NINE AM NOVEMBER SIXTEEN FROM SAN FRANCISCO ENROUTE TO
NYC. DEPARTED CHICAGO TWO THIRTY PM ON PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL TRAIN NUMBER
FOUR EIGHT, CAR FOUR EIGHT FOUR, LOWER FOUR SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NYC
NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH NINE THIRTY AM WHERE HE IS TO ATTEND A NATIONAL
BOARD MEETING OF CPA. DESCRIPTION THIRTY EIGHT, FIVE FEET EIGHT
INCHES, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, REDDISH SANDY BLONDE, PARTIALLY BALD,
SALLOW COMPLEXION, BROWN BUCKLED SHOES, GRAY GREEN HAT, DARK BROWN
COAT, DARK BLUE SUIT, CARRYING ONE MEDIUM SIZE TAN LEATHER SUITCASE. ONLY
CHICAGO CONTACT WAS FLORENCE LOUISE ATKINSON OF ILWU. NEW YORK REQUESTED
TO CONDUCT CONTINUOUS PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE WHILE IN THAT CITY AND
ADVISE APPROPRIATE OFFICE OF DEPARTURE AND RESERVATIONS. *RUC.*

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CONF TO DIRECTOR AND SAC SAN FRANCISCO

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HIP. WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN WAS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. SUBJECT LEFT CHICAGO EIGHT FIFTEEN PM NOVEMBER TWENTIETH, NINETEEN FORTY FOUR ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN NUMBER TWENTY SEVEN, OVERLAND LIMITED, TO ARIVE XXX ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO NINE TWENTY AM THURSDAY NOVEMBER TWENTY THIRD. OCCUPYING LOWER NUMBER ELEVEN CAR NUMBER N SIXTY THREE, WEARING SAME CLOTHES HE WORE ON ARRIVAL CHICAGO FROM SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, INCLUDING XXXINCLUDING BROWN TOPCOAT, GREEN SNAP BRIM HAT AND CARRYING SMALL TAN CLOTH TRAVELING BAG. WHILE IN CHICAGO ON NOVEMBER TWENTIETH SUBJECT CONTACTED CPA HEADQUARTERS, ATTENDED PART OF AFTERNOON SESSION OF CIO NATIONAL CONVENTION AT STEVENS HOTEL, AND WAS OBSERVED IN LOBBY OF STEVENS CONVERSING WITH ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, VICE PRESIDENT, DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT, CPA. RUC.

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DIRECTOR ADVISED

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
November 15, 1944

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
October 23 to November 5, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant has advised that the subject is planning to go to New York on November 15, 1944.

This informant advised that subject, in a conversation with an unknown woman, revealed that one JESUS HERNANDEZ TOMAS, who is perhaps identical with the Communist member of the Spanish Republic Government before the Franco Revolution, has been expelled from the Communist Party for factionalism in Mexico. It is quite possible that this individual is identical with the TOMAS who was denied admission into the United States and whose subsequent admission was secured through the efforts of the JAFRC.

Informant has advised that the subject has stated that President ROOSEVELT now realizes that capitalism in this country must be reformed or the United States will "go down in chaos". According to the informant, SCHNEIDERMAN stated that some of DEWEY's speeches in their original draft were so anti-Russian that DEWEY's backers insisted that they be toned down. Informant recalled SCHNEIDERMAN stated before the Election that if DEWEY succeeds in becoming President there will be a chaotic War-producing situation.

This informant has advised that a Sergeant JACK MOORE, presently assigned to the Presidio of San Francisco, contacted the subject and discussed with him his adventures in the Army. Informant recalled that MOORE stated that he had been called before his Colonel, who revealed to MOORE that he should not tell him, but he had received a file of reports regarding MOORE from MID, which the Colonel had thrown in the waste paper basket. MOORE indicated that his transfer from this Colonel's regiment had been ordered by MID.

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER, SAC

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NEW YORK, N. Y.
NOVEMBER 18, 1944

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WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - C. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT A MAN IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS LT. JOHN HAMILTON OF THE MARINE CORPS, WHO WAS IN WASH., D.C., CONTACTED A. BENSON AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CPA, NYC. HAMILTON STATED HE WISHED TO SPEAK TO WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH HIM AT THAT TIME. HE ADVISED THAT A MR. TOMPKINS OF SAN FRANCISCO TOLD HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH SCHNEIDERMAN BECAUSE SCHNEIDERMAN WANTED TO SEE HIM. HAMILTON EXPLAINED THAT HE WOULD BE OUT ALL AFTERNOON BUT WOULD LIKE SCHNEIDERMAN TO CONTACT HIM BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN O-CLOCK TONIGHT AT DUPONT NINE ZERO FIVE THREE, OR SEND HIM A WIRE TO TWO FOUR EIGHT ZERO, SIXTEENTH ST., WASH., D.C., APT. NINE FOUR SIX. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE WOULD COME TO NYC MONDAY AT NOON IF HE COULD SEE SCHNEIDERMAN THEN. HAMILTON FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO THE COAST BUT WOULD PUT IT OFF IF THE MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED. BENSON ADVISED HAMILTON HE WOULD HAVE SCHNEIDERMAN CONTACT HIM TONIGHT. SCHNEIDERMAN PRESENTLY UNDER SURVEILLANCE BY THE NEW YORK OFFICE. COPY OF THIS MESSAGE BEING MAILED SAN FRANCISCO. THE INFORMANT LATER ADVISED THAT BENSON TOLD SCHNEIDERMAN ABOUT HAMILTON-S MESSAGE. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT SCHNEIDERMAN STATED HE KNEW HAMILTON BUT WAS DISTURBED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED BENSON AT NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, CPA.

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cc: San Francisco, AMSD cc: NY 100-4931

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
November 20, 1944

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BUREAU, SAC CHICAGO

URGENT

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, IS - C. SCHNEIDERMAN DEPARTED NYC NOVEMBER NINETEEN, FORTY-
FOUR ENROUTE CHICAGO, ARRIVING CHICAGO THIS A.M. CHICAGO REQUESTED TELEPHONICALLY
TO CONTINUE PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT AND ADVISE SAN FRANCISCO OF DEPARTURE
AND ITINERARY.

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Typed: 3:30 P.M.
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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
November 27, 1944

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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
November 6 to November 19, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant has continued to advise this office of the details surrounding the subject's departure from New York City, and has not been of value during his absence except to advise that the subject's wife, LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN, revealed that she had been an International Organizer for the ILCWU in Minneapolis and had resided at St. Paul, Minnesota, from 1935 to 1937.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
November 20 to December 3, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

During part of the period noted above the subject was out of San Francisco, having travelled to New York City for conference with CPA officials there.

Informant has advised this office that since subject's return from New York he had on at least two occasions partaken of liquor. Informant advised that subject's wife on November 23, 1944 indicated that SCHNEIDERMAN was "pie-eyed". This information is included inasmuch as this behavior is rather unusual.

Very truly yours,

W. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
December 26, 1944

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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
December 4 to December 17, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant has advised that the subject has entertained PAUL CLINE and in a discussion regarding STERLING HAYDEN indicated that HAYDEN, upon his arrival in Washington, contacted WARRICK TOMKINS by long distance telephone. Informant recalled the following information regarding HAYDEN's background, which is being set out as received from the informant:

LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN: He got kicked out of Yugoslavia.
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN: No not really. He said that the British _____, but they like the Americans. He made a report to the Army and went to see the general -- so he went straight to Mrs. ROOSEVELT and told her the story -- anyway he had not gotten in touch with the Party but he called TOMKINS and wanted to arrange a meeting -- He has read Teheran -- He was regarded as one of the _____ of Hollywood, because he _____. He was labeled a Communist while he was there.

Informant was present when the subject was helping his wife prepare a speech she was planning before a meeting of the CPA. Informant recalled that the subject stated we used to say that another war was inevitable, but we don't think it is inevitable now; that it used to be thought that revolution was necessary, but that it is not thought necessary now. In answer to LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN's questioning about the latter statement, informant recalled that SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that revolution is no longer necessary because of Teheran, and indicated that force and violence are now out against fascism. Informant recalled that SCHNEIDERMAN was of the opinion that the common interest of the working class throughout the world is expressed in different forms from the dissolution of the Comintern. According to informant, SCHNEIDERMAN indicated the Comintern was dissolved in order to achieve a greater international unity. Informant advised that SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that the Communistic movement withdrew from the Comintern without giving up its principles, and mentioned a less rigid form of internationalism.

Very truly yours,

R/L
N. J. L. PIEPER
SAC

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Schneiderman in Oakland Tonight

OAKLAND, Dec. 28.—Analysis of the recent AFL and CIO conventions will be presented by William Schneiderman, president of the California Communist Political Association, tomorrow, Friday, at Danish Hall, 164 Eleventh street, here at 8 p. m.

Because of the many problems facing labor and because its responsibility to the nation was brought to the fore during the election campaign, all CPA members are urged to be present to take part in the discussion. The public is invited to attend.

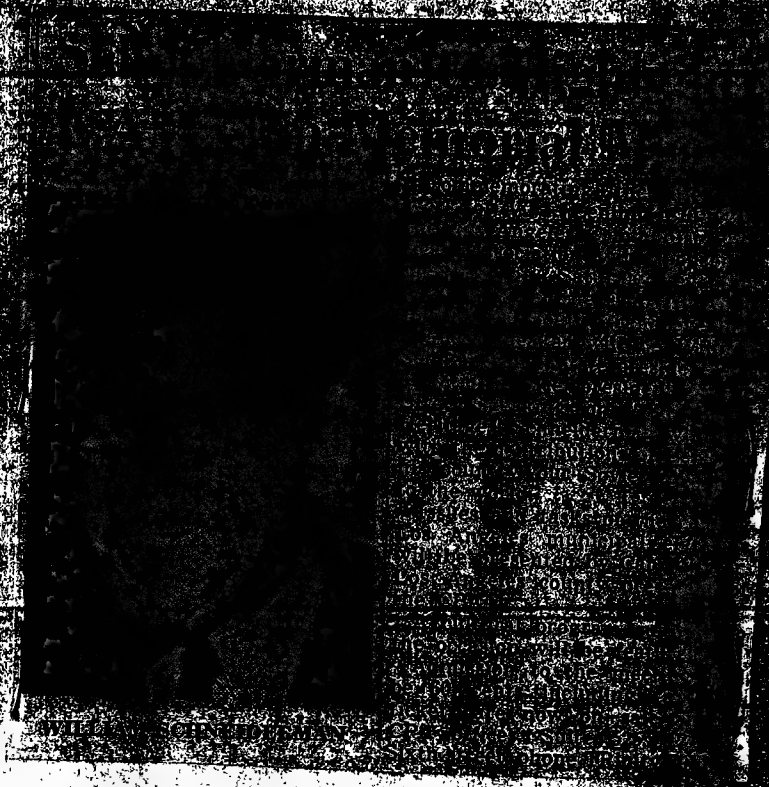
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
December 16 to December 31, 1944
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant was able to advise this office of the time of a meeting of the Special Branch of the CIA in which the subject is active.

Very truly yours,



H. J. L. PIEPER
SAC

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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, with
aliases;
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to teletype dated November 16, 1944 from Chicago to New York and the Bureau in which the New York Office was advised that SCHNEIDERMAN was arriving in New York City on November 17, 1944 via Pennsylvania Railroad Train No. 48.

The subject was observed by Agents of this office to leave the Pennsylvania Station and proceed directly to Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, where the National Board Meeting of the Communist Political Association was being held. That evening he left 853 Broadway and went to ROY HUDSON's house for approximately two hours, then returned to Academy Hall.

On November 18, 1944, he attended the workers conference at the Piccadilly Hotel, 227 West 45th Street, New York City, leaving the conference for a short period in the afternoon when he went to Communist Headquarters.

He left New York City on November 19, 1944 enroute to Chicago.

The Chicago Office was advised telephonically to continue the physical surveillance of the subject and advise the San Francisco Office of his departure and itinerary.

On November 18, 1944 Confidential Informant whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised that a man identifying himself as Lieutenant JOHN HAMILTON of the Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., contacted A. BENSON of the national headquarters of the C.P.A. He said that a Mr. TOMPKINS of San Francisco had told him to get in touch with SCHNEIDERMAN because SCHNEIDERMAN would like to see him. HAMILTON explained that SCHNEIDERMAN could contact him between 6 and 7 o'clock on November 18 at DuPont 9053 or could send him a wire at 2480 - 16th Street, Washington, D. C., Apartment 946.

Confidential Informant later advised that BENSON told SCHNEIDERMAN about HAMILTON's message. SCHNEIDERMAN stated he knew

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HAMILTON, but was disturbed that he had contacted BENSON at the National Headquarters of the C.P.A.

This information concerning HAMILTON was forwarded to the Bureau and Washington Field Division by teletype.

In view of the fact that there is no further investigation to be conducted in the New York Field Division, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin on this letter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SAC

cc. San Francisco ✓

CPA Head Talks in L.A. Saturday

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—Problems facing the Big Three in the coming meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin will be discussed by William Schneiderman, state president of the Communist Political Association, at a Lenin Memorial meeting, Saturday night, January 27, at the Embassy Auditorium. The meeting is called to observe the 21st anniversary of the death of Lenin, founder of the Soviet state.

The meaning of the recent proposals of Senator Vandenberg, which have been widely discussed since he made them on the floor of the Senate, will be analyzed.

Schneiderman will also deal with the questions of Poland and Greece, which the defeatists have seized upon in their efforts to disrupt the Anglo-American-Soviet alliance.

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San Francisco, California,
February 2, 1945.

MEMO FOR THE SAC:

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(File: 97-26)

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On above date Confidential Informant [] advised the writer that an individual who identified himself as the Head of the Filipino Colony in San Francisco called at the CPA Headquarters at 942 Market for the purpose of keeping an appointment with subject. [] gave his description as follows:

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Name: Not known
Height: approx. 5' 4" or 5"
Weight: approx. 180-190 lbs.
Complexion: very nice - olive
Build: Short and stout, especially around waist;
Demeanor: Very polished.
Dress: Wore hat and light overcoat, believed to be camel's hair.
Carried gloves.

[] stated that the above individual arrived at the Headquarters about 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. and did not leave until around noon, possibly as late as 1:00 p.m. When he left, subject and LEO BAROWAY and RUDY LAMBERT saw him out of the building. Subject and LAMBERT then returned to their offices, but BAROWAY apparently stayed out with subject.

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IRVING THOMAS WEEKS
Special Agent

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

It is suggested that an investigator ascertain the identity of above individual.

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San Francisco, California,
February 2, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SAC:

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
(File: 97-26)

Confidential Informant [] advised the writer on February 1, 1945, of the following information which [] secured as a result of a conversation between WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, LEO BAROWAY, and RUDY LAMBERT overheard by [] on the morning of the above date:

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Subject made the remark that somebody has tipped off the Filipino members (of the CPA). He stated that three of such members were going back to the Philippine Islands after the country was freed, but that somebody has gotten to them and broken them down. The import of this being either that these members are no longer interested in the CPA, or that they are not interested in returning to the Islands as representatives of the CPA. Subject instructed LAMBERT or BAROWAY to get all the Filipino members together just as soon as possible as he wanted to talk to them all personally. He added that he did not want any of them to slip out until he has talked to them.

[] stated that subject just returned to San Francisco from Los Angeles and he made the comment to LAMBERT and BAROWAY that the people in Los Angeles were standing in line and they swallowed it up. (This no doubt refers to the CPA meeting on LENIN, held at the Embassy Auditorium, 843 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, on the night of January 27, 1945, and at which meeting subject was present.)

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[] stated that subject also remarked that there two books that must be picked up as they are doing lots of damage. One of the books is by MORRIE (or MORLEY) and the other by FRANKLIN, according to []. (It is recalled by the writer that the CPA published a booklet on BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and this may be one of the two publications to which subject referred.)

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IRVING THOMAS WEEKS
Special Agent

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San Francisco, California
February 8, 1945

MEMO FOR THE FILE:

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RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
Security Matter - C
ATTENTION: SPECIAL AGENT JAMES SHORT

In accordance with the recent request of Special Agent JAMES SHORT, the writer contacted Mr. REXFORD CHINN, Assistant District Passenger Agent, Southern Pacific Railroad Company, 65 Market Street, DOuglas 1212, on February 5, 1945 with respect to an alleged representation on the part of subject in obtaining a space on a train from San Francisco to Los Angeles on January 26, 1945 that he is the editor of the Daily People's World.

Mr. CHINN furnished the original of the Southern Pacific Company ticket delivery order, being the form L-1900-A. The writer had photostated the memorandum from which had been executed all SCHNEIDERMAN's order by a clerk SULLIVAN. The original was returned to Mr. CHINN and the photostatic copy is attached. *see S-132(6)*

Concerning future availability of the original of this document, Mr. CHINN advised that within about 60 days it will be filed among other such documents in paper cases in the basement of the Southern Pacific Railway Company Building and will be thus maintained for a period of 3 years. The District Passenger Agent is the proper custodian of these records.

This order was handled by reservations clerk Miss EILEEN C. SULLIVAN, 2715 Sacramento Street, no telephone. She has been with the company since July 16, 1943.

This information is furnished in the event it is felt desirable to interview her concerning his representation and for possibly obtaining a statement from her to that effect.

It is almost impossible, through the railroad, at any rate, to establish the fact that subject took the trip using the space reserved by the attached order. However, his trip could undoubtedly be established by other means.

ROBERT E. MAYER *97-26 181*
SPECIAL AGENT

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DIRECTOR, FBI

February 9, 1945

ATTENTION TECHNICAL LABORATORY

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Enclosed herewith are two photostatic copies of letters in the known handwriting of the above subject. The original letter from which the photostats were made was obtained from Confidential Informant [] who procured it in a legal manner after it had been discarded, and who furnished it to Special Agents WILLIAM P. GARVEY and LAMONT L. THOMPSON of this office on December 14, 1942. The original is maintained, identified with the symbol "H 27" in the files of this office.

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These specimens are forwarded for appropriate attention in view of the subject's status as a key figure Communist in this area.

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California
February 9, 1945

Director, FBI

AIRMAIL

RE: COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, USA
DISTRICT NO. 13
(San Francisco Field Division)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Confidential Informant [] has advised that WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN is attempting to make reservations for himself and LOUISE TODD LAMBERT to depart on March 5, 1945, for New York City to attend what appears to be another meeting of the National Committee or Board of the Communist Political Association. SCHNEIDERMAN also indicated, according to the informant, that STEVE NELSON has received an invitation to attend the same affair.

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It is noted that in attempting to make his reservation, SCHNEIDERMAN described himself as Editor of the Daily People's World and stated that LOUISE TODD LAMBERT was his secretary.

Very truly yours,

M. J. L. PIERER
SAC

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cc: New York

Los Angeles

S.F. File 100-2696

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San Francisco, California
February 11, 1945

MEMO SAC,

Re: FILIPINO CONTACT OF SCHNEIDERMAN
AND BAROWAY
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to the memorandum submitted by SA Weeks in which he sets forth information obtained from a Confidential Informant to the effect that a FILIPINO contacted SCHNEIDERMAN AT CPA Headquarters, 942 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

In an attempt to identify this person, photographs of JUAN C. DIONISIO, Resident Commissioner of the Philippine Islands in San Francisco, and MANUEL INSIGNE, well known Filipino Labor leader were obtained from [redacted]. These were displayed to the informant with negative results.

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The Febr. 6th issue of the PW reflects an article "U. S. Filipinos Jubilant" which mentions that Captain MARIANO SULIT, now retired, who once served under General Douglas MacArthur, is now the head of the Local Filipino Colony. It should be noted in Agent Weeks memorandum that the above informant related that this Filipino stated that he was the head of the Filipino Colony. Therefore, it is believed that SULIT was the Filipino who contacted Schneiderman. The fact that his name is mentioned in the PW must also be considered.

Reference is also made to SA Week's memorandum which reflects that SCHNEIDERMAN stated, "Don't let those Filipinos ship out till I have talked to them". Efforts to identify these Filipinos have been unsuccessful. However, the following are considered:

FREDDIE MEJIA and HERMAN CABAL whose photographs appear with an article written by DOUG WARD entitled "One Ship's Crew Faces the Music". No mention is made to these Filipinos in the article but a notation appears under the photograph of each, "Filipino crew member". It is known that WARD is now in port. (above article in Dec 19, 1944 issue of PW)

NESTOR GELI, a Filipino Guerrilla, whose experiences are related in an article appearing in the Febr 6, 1945 issue of the PW written by GEORGE E. GUTENUNST, well known Communist Seaman. This article mentions that GELI immediately joined the MC & S Union. GELI'S picture and a story concerning his experiences appear in the Febr 9, 1945 issue of the Labor Herald.

CLASSIFIED Further efforts will be made to further identify these Filipinos.

Edward E. Walla
SA

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
February 12, 1945

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
January 1 to January 14, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

The informant supplied this office with extensive coverage of the subject's contacts, plans and travel throughout the above period, all of which has proved of great value in the coverage of Communist activities generally in this territory, in view of the subject's important position within the Communist Political Association. Among the most important contacts of the subject furnished by the informant was that of ERNEST THORNTON, a Communist Party member of Australia who conferred with SCHNEIDERMAN in San Francisco on January 14.

According to the informant, THORNTON called SCHNEIDERMAN as soon as he reached town and requested assistance in finding a place to spend the night. He also asked how he might get in touch with HARRY BRIDGES. THORNTON advised SCHNEIDERMAN that he expected to be in London, England, on February 1, 1945, as a delegate from Australia to the World Labor Conference. He and SCHNEIDERMAN discussed the CIO Political Action Committee briefly, SCHNEIDERMAN mentioning that a meeting had recently been held at the Hotel Leamington in Oakland of members of the PAC with SIDNEY HILLMAN.

SCHNEIDERMAN also informed THORNTON that ELINOR KAHN had been placed in charge of the BRIDGES DEFENSE COMMITTEE.

SCHNEIDERMAN also made the statement, "I got hell from New York for not seeing that you got enough money the last time you were here". SCHNEIDERMAN said he had heard that THORNTON borrowed money and stated that WILLIAM BROWDER had sent some money, apparently to SCHNEIDERMAN to be furnished to THORNTON, but that by the time SCHNEIDERMAN got around to giving it to the persons who had lent THORNTON money, THORNTON had already repaid them. SCHNEIDERMAN indicated that he still had this money on hand and would therefore deliver it to THORNTON, and to this end he made an appointment to see THORNTON on January 15.

Very truly yours,



N. J. L. PIEPER

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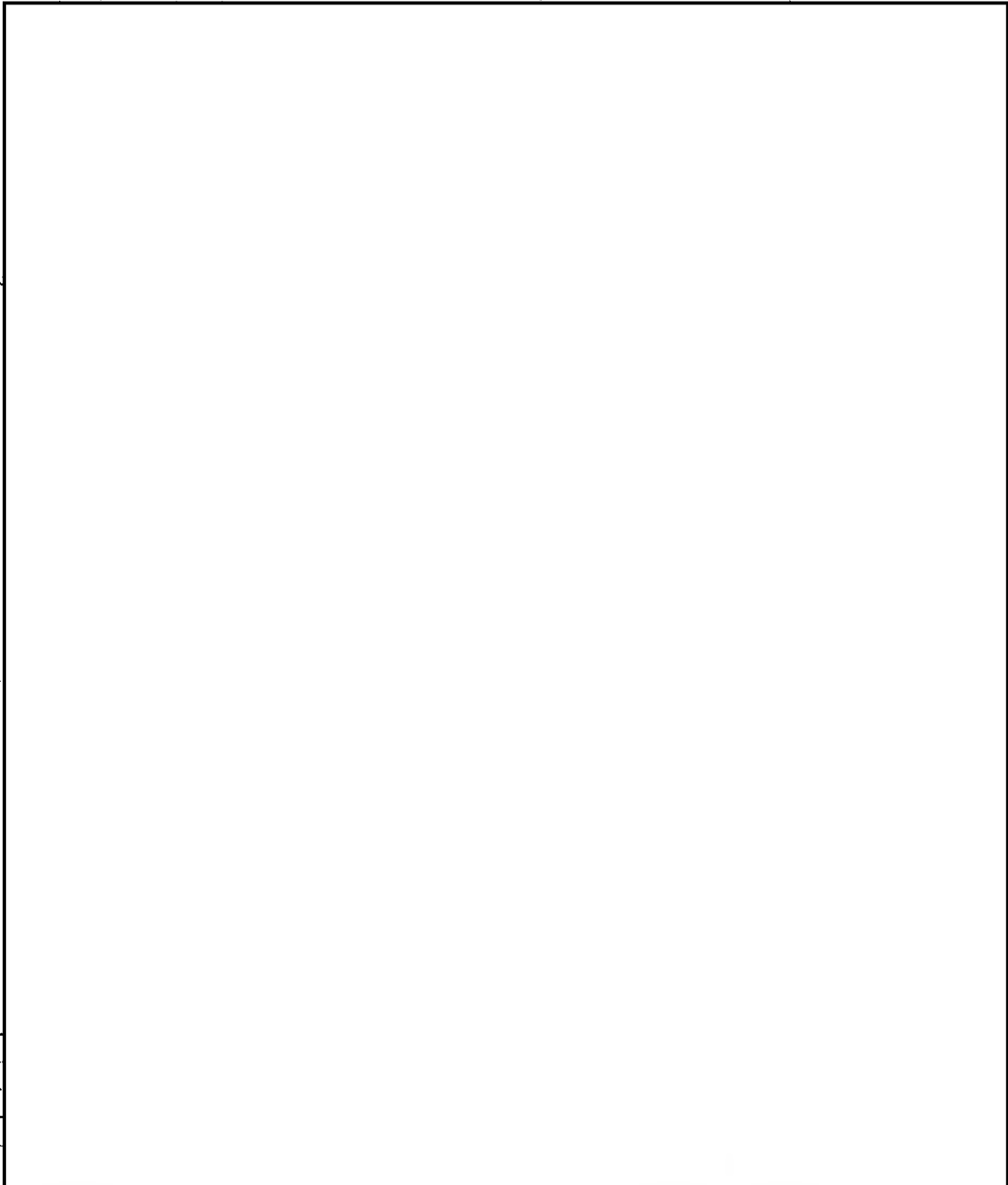
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
INFORMANT -
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On above date Confidential Informant [redacted] advised

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February 15, 1945

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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
January 15, 1945 to January 26, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant was useful during the period noted above in advising of the subject's plans to depart from San Francisco on a trip to Los Angeles on January 26.

LEAN SCHNEIDERMAN, subject's wife, has revealed to informant that her family from Minnesota are planning to settle permanently either in San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Informant was able to advise this office of the date of a meeting of the CPA club to which LEAN SCHNEIDERMAN is at present assigned. Informant advised that Mrs. SCHNEIDERMAN has accepted a position as Recording Secretary and is also on the Executive Committee in her club.

Very truly yours,

H. J. L. PIERCE, SAC

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San Francisco, California,
February 20, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SAC:

Re: CONFIDENTIAL NATIONAL DEFENSE
INFORMANT
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT []

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Confidential Informant [] advised that the following telegram was sent from the Communist Political Association headquarters, 942 Market St., San Francisco, on above date:

✓ "JOHN WILLIAMSON
35 - E 14th Street,
New York City.

Unsuccessful in getting return reservation for BILL (SCHNEIDERMAN) and LOUISE (TODD) for 14th or 15th. Can you get them from New York?

✓ "LFD BARONAY"

IRVING THOMAS WEEKS
Special Agent

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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHENKENDIAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
January 29, 1946 to February 11, 1948
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant was present when the subject contacted the Southern Pacific Railroad in an effort to get two single reservations for himself and LOUISE TODD LAMBERT on March 5 to New York City. Informant noted that SCHENKENDIAN identified himself as the manager of the Daily People's World and LOUISE TODD LAMBERT as his secretary.

Very truly yours,

Ric

H. J. L. PIERCE
Special Agent in Charge

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Oakland

Hear Wm. Schneiderman speak on "Warren and the State Legislature." Friday, February 23, 8 p. m., Danish Hall, 164 11th street, Oakland. Admission free. Sponsored by Alameda C. F. A.

Hear Wm. Schneiderman speak on "War-
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San Francisco, California
February 22, 1945

MEMO SAC:

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

This is to record that there is being placed in the exhibit envelope of this file, a photostatic copy of the letter addressed to the subject from JOHNNY WILLIAMSON, National CPA Secretary, furnishing instruction to SCHNEIDERMAN relative to his contemplated attendance at the National Committee Meeting of the CPA in March, 1945.

The original of this photostat was obtained by Confidential Informant [] and is being retained by the San Francisco Field Division.

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ARTHUR FRED BAIFER
Special Agent

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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SCHNEIDERMAN attended National Board Meeting of CPA, NYC, 11/17,18/44, where he reported on election activities of the CPA on the West Coast and contacted EARL BROWDER, GENE DEINIS and ROY HUDSON. He continues to maintain his position as top ranking CPA official and spokesman in California. He has recently been reported as being in close touch with ROY HUDSON, National Labor Trade Union expert of the CPA, on labor matters, receiving instructions on Party policies which he carries out through key CPA labor leaders in the 13th District. For practical purposes subject has become editor in chief of the People's World Newspaper of San Francisco, closely supervises its editorial policy on important political questions and slanting propaganda and news coverage in accordance with general instructions from CPA Headquarters, NYC.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 61-6718
Report of Special Agent JAMES GILBERT SHORT dated November 11, 1944 at San Francisco.

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DETAILS:

The title of this case has been changed by adding the alias WILLIAM BOARDMAN, as subject has recently employed this name as an alias as will be reflected below.

This subject is considered a key figure Communist in the San Francisco area.

Confidential Informants T1, T2 and T3 independently advised this office that the subject departed from San Francisco via the Southern Pacific Railroad on November 13, 1944 for the purpose of attending the National Board Meeting of the CPA in New York City on November 17 and 18, 1944.

Special Agents ROBERT L. BRUGGEMAN and JOHN C. GAULT observed the subject depart from San Francisco, California at 7 PM on November 13, 1944 on the Overland Limited of the Southern Pacific Railroad bound for Chicago, Illinois in lower berth 12 of car S86 of that train.

The records of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company reflected that the space on the above train had been sold to one WILLIAM BOARDMAN which appears to have been an alias used by the subject for the purpose of securing such railroad accommodations.

By teletype dated November 14, 1944 the Chicago and New York Field Divisions were requested to conduct surveillances on the subject while in their respective territories during the above mentioned trip.

The Chicago Field Division advised that the subject was observed by agents of that office to arrive in Chicago on November 16 at 9 AM and to depart at 2:30 PM via the Pennsylvania Railroad for New York City on November 16, 1944. It was noted that his only contact in Chicago at that time was one FLORENCE LOUISE ATKINSON described as an employee or official of the International Longshoreman's and Warehouseman's Union.

By letter dated January 11, 1945 the New York Field Division reported that the subject had been observed, by agents of that office, arriving at the Pennsylvania Railroad Station in New York City on November 17, 1944 from which he proceeded directly to Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, where the National Board Meeting of the CPA was in session. He was observed on the evening of November 17, 1944

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to proceed from Academy Hall to the home of ROY HUDSON in New York City where he spent approximately two hours. He was observed further to attend a Workers Conference at the Piccadilly Hotel, 227 West 45th Street, New York City on November 18, 1944, leaving the conference for a short period in the afternoon to visit New York Headquarters of the CPA. He was observed to depart from New York City on November 19, 1944.

By teletype dated November 21, 1944 the Chicago Field Division reported that the subject had been observed by agents of that office arriving in that city on November 20 from New York. While in Chicago on that date he was observed to visit the CPA Headquarters and to attend a portion of an afternoon session of the CIO National Convention at the Stevens Hotel. He was observed departing from Chicago for San Francisco by train on the same date.

Confidential Informant T2 advised this office of the subject's return to San Francisco via the Southern Pacific Railroad on the morning of November 23, 1944. According to this informant the subject conferred with ROY HUDSON and GENE DEMEIS, CPA national functionaries, while he had been in Chicago on November 20 at the CIO Convention. The subject also conferred with EARL BROWDER in New York City during the course of this trip according to the same informant. This informant related that according to the subject the National Board Meeting which he had attended in New York dealt principally or exclusively with reports from various district organizers in the CPA in the United States on the election results of November, 1944 and that SCHNEIDERMAN, himself, had a lengthy report on the CPA activities in the election in the state of California which he felt had been very well received.

Confidential Informant T6 reported that on November 29, 1944 the subject reported to the State Committee of the CPA of California on the results of his attendance at the National Board Meeting at the California Club, 1750 Clay Street, San Francisco.

Other pertinent travel by this subject since the last report was a trip which he made to Los Angeles, California on January 26, 1945. He remained in that city until January 30, 1945 according to confidential informants T2 and T3.

The People's World Newspaper of San Francisco contained a news item on January 5, 1945 stating that the subject would be a guest speaker at an official CPA meeting at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles on January 27, 1945. The topic of his

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address was listed as "The Lenin Heritage" given as part of the program of the meetings commemorating life and work of the great Communist leader V. I. LENIN.

The confidential informants previously mentioned in this report have confirmed the continued maintenance by the subject of his position as president of the CPA of the State of California and as the top ranking Communist leader and spokesman in this state.

Through confidential informant T7 it has been reported that subsequent to the subject's return from New York City he has been in close touch with ROY HUDSON, National Vice President of the CPA and chief trade union expert of the CPA on matters relating to the CPA relation to organized labor. This informant reported that it is his understanding that the subject has received numerous instructions from HUDSON as to the role and dictates of the CPA with respect to combating efforts of certain Labor organizations to overthrow the "No strike pledge."

Through confidential informant T7 as well as through informants T2 and T3 it has been reported that the subject apparently carries out suggestions and instructions received in labor matters from HUDSON through key Communist labor officials in this state.

In this connection it may be of significance to note that the subject attends quite frequently secret meetings of a special branch of Communist officials of CIO unions in San Francisco. He has been observed by agents of this office in attendance at such meetings on January 2 and 16, 1945.

According to an article appearing in the People's World Newspaper of December 29, 1944, the subject presented an analysis of the recent AF of L and CIO conventions at a public Communist meeting at Danish Hall, Oakland, California on January 29, 1944. At this meeting the subject spoke in his official capacity as president of the California CPA.

It has been reported by confidential source T1 that the subject expressed the following sentiments privately during December, 1944:

"Communists used to believe another war would be inevitable and that a revolution would be necessary. We have changed our positions somewhat because, since Teheran, we believe that although war and revolution are possible they are by no means

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inevitable, depending on how the coalition of United States, Britain and USSR works out."

Increasing evidence has been received of the subject's supervision over the People's World, Communist daily newspaper published at San Francisco, California.

Confidential informant T4 has reported numerous items of this nature from which it appears that for all practical purposes the subject is now the actual, if not the titular, editor-in-chief of that publication. The following information in support of this has been furnished to this office through T4: During a controversial labor dispute in the San Francisco area, which resulted in a tie-up of a number of military and cargo vessels in this port during the first part of November, 1944, SCHNEIDERMAN reportedly dictated and edited a prominently featured editorial of the People's World condemning the strike.

It has been reported that SCHNEIDERMAN criticized a headline appearing on page 1 of the newspaper on November 27, 1944 reading "Europe Battles Reaction." According to T4 SCHNEIDERMAN felt that this headline and the news story under it failed to emphasize what he considered to be the message of the Communist press at this time, namely that the main enemy to be fought during this war is Fascism.

According to the above informant SCHNEIDERMAN issued instructions to JOHN PITTMAN, Managing Editor of the paper to drive home the idea that the main purpose of the war is to crush fascism at every opportunity in this paper.

During the visit of JOHN WILLIAMSON, National CPA functionary, to San Francisco in December, 1944 an interview of him by a People's World employee was edited by SCHNEIDERMAN prior to publication in order to prevent the printing of any "off the record" statements that WILLIAMSON might have inadvertently made to a reporter and that might prove embarrassing to the CPA if published.

From time to time SCHNEIDERMAN has issued instructions to the People's World to propagandize certain foreign policy positions of this country indicating that he had been instructed by CPA Headquarters in New York along such lines.

On another occasion during December, 1944 SCHNEIDERMAN is reported to have attempted to edit the United Press dispatch that was to be printed in the People's World Newspaper containing an order

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which he considered as slightly derogatory to the position of the USSR on the Polish question. After it was pointed out to SCHNEIDERMAN that it was illegal to edit wire service dispatches he ordered that the entire story be omitted from the paper.

Corroboration of subject's control over the People's World Newspaper has been received during December, 1944 from confidential informant T6 who has advised this office that Communist Party officials in New York City requested the subject to make the decision as to whether one ANN RIVINGTON, described as an employee of the "Daily Worker" should be hired as a reporter for the People's World Newspaper. The informant reported that SCHNEIDERMAN refused to hire her for the paper on the grounds that sufficient funds do not exist to employ her.

Reference is made to information set out above concerning the trip by the subject from San Francisco to Los Angeles, California, on January 26, 1945. According to confidential informant T3 the subject secured Pullman accommodations on the Southern Pacific Railroad for this trip in his capacity as editor of the People's World Newspaper of San Francisco.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California: Through appropriate confidential sources will attempt to locate any record of allegations made by subject in connection with a trip to Los Angeles, California on January 26, 1944 on the Southern Pacific Railroad, San Francisco, that he is the editor of the People's World Newspaper of San Francisco.

Will follow pertinent activities of this subject through confidential informants and other reliable sources of information.

Copies of this report have been designated for the New York and Los Angeles Field Divisions for their information, since activities of the subject within their respective territories are set out herein.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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T7: An original letter dated December 22, 1944 addressed to the subject in San Francisco, California and signed "Roy" stating in part as follows:

"I had intimate discussions with MERV (RATBORNE) concerning certain water front developments here in the East. I emphasized to him that our discussion was for his own benefit, however, I intended that it should be for your benefit also. It is extremely important that you see him and ask him to give you the essence of our discussion concerning developments in the East.....I hope also, Bill, that the points raised in my last letter regarding the AF of L are receiving the attention they deserve."

This letter together with two other original letters likewise addressed to the subject and containing the same signature and likewise dated in December, 1944 were furnished to this office by confidential informant [redacted] and are maintained suitably identified, in the files of this office.

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The above informants and confidential sources have been designated in this report by temporary symbol in order to insure complete protection of their identities.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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FBI SAN FRANCISCO

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK URGENT

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, WAS. INTERNAL SECURITY -C.

SUBJECT DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO SEVEN P.M. MARCH FIFTH VIA S.P.R.R.

FOR ARRIVAL NEW YORK CITY PROBABLY MORNING OF MARCH NINTH, WHERE HE
IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESERVATIONS AT KING EDWARD HOTEL. SUBJECT, STATE
PRESIDENT OF CPA OF CALIFORNIA PLANS APPROXIMATE VISIT OF TEN DAYS
NEW YORK CITY ON ASSOCIATION BUSINESS. ABOVE IS FOR INFORMATION OF
NEW YORK OFFICE WHICH IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH TO THIS OFFICE ANY
PERTINENT INFORMATION OF SUBJECTS ACTIVITIES COMING TO ITS ATTENTION.

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
March 6, 1945

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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
February 12 to February 25, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

The informant was present when the subject related to his wife and his wife's father that a representative of the People's World invited the French delegates who visited San Francisco to visit the People's World during their stay in San Francisco and learned that these delegates may be able to visit the paper during this time. Informant advised that subject described the delegation as Socialists and mentioned that the Socialist are very powerful in France whereas it is entirely different in this county. Subject indicated that the Socialists were weak in San Francisco and could not even get the Socialist publication "Forward" in San Francisco.

Subject in commenting on the strength of newspapers in this county mentioned that the people in this county were so educated that even those in authority expected Russia's defeat when the Germans were near Moscow.

Informant was present when the subject contacted Madam ETIENNETTE BENICHON, a member of the French newspaper delegates visiting San Francisco under the auspices of the Office of War Information. Informant stated that subject introduced himself as the head of the Communist Political Association in San Francisco and mentioned that some "of our friends" would like to spend some time with Madam BENICHON. SCHNEIDERMAN, upon learning that this person's schedule was filled during her stay in San Francisco made arrangements to meet with her for an hour at her hotel prior to her departure.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California,
March 7, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SAC:

Re: COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION -
DISTRICT #13 - SAN FRANCISCO FIELD
DIVISION (Reports of [redacted] -
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[redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted] several Party Members from the CPA Headquarters at 942
Market Street, San Francisco, make critical remarks concerning
WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN.

He has been criticized for not staying in the office
all the time like the rest of them, and for not attending meetings
when he is asked to like they do. Some have made the remark that
he is only half Communist. One said that he isn't even that,
and went on to say that we need a new president next time.

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[redacted] says [redacted] LEO BARONAY
and CLEMIE BARRY discussing party matters and when SCHNEIDERMAN
approaches they will say, "Here comes BILL" and immediately stop
talking.

The only one at the Headquarters who SCHNEIDERMAN seems
to spend much time with and be friendly with is RUDY LAMBERT,
[redacted] stated. The other members give the impression that they
do not trust him.

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IRVING THOMAS WILKES
Special Agent

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San Francisco 4, California
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
February 26 to March 11, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant has advised that subject revealed that JOHN PITTMAN recently addressed 20,000 employees of the Kaiser Shipyards over the public address system in that yard and that his speech was highly successful. Informant related further that subject indicated the people in the audience circulating in the crowd after the speech had been able to sell a great number of "PEOPLES WORLD" subscriptions on the basis of PITTMAN's successful speech.

Informant was present when the subject remarked, in a conversation with his wife, that there has been a revolution in the approach to Germany inasmuch as the things said about Germany and fought against in the early stages of the war concerned the destruction of Germany, but that now our attitude toward Germany has been tempered by the status of the war to such an extent that the aim now appears to be control of Germany and its industries and the complete eradication of Fascism. Subject continued that STALIN, in the early stages of the war, had the hope that the German army could be won over in order to fight HITLER, but that HITLER has corrupted everyone surrounding him, and any Communists who were in Germany at the beginning of the war have now been killed or placed in concentration camps.

Very truly yours,



E. J. L. PIEPER
SAC

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OAKLAND

Hear

William Schneiderman
President California Communist Political Association

SPEAK ON

"America's Decisive Battle"
a report from the National Committee

FRIDAY
March 30th, 8 p. m.

Oakland Auditorium Ballroom
12th and Fallon Streets
No Admission Charge

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HEAR
Wm. Schneiderman
President California CPA
Report on the National Committee
Meeting
FRIDAY
March 30th, 8 p. m.
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
March 12 to March 25, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant has advised that the subject arrived in New York on Friday, March 9, 1945, to attend the National Communist Political Association meetings held there.

During his absence it was learned that LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN, subject's wife, contacted a considerable number of Communist Political Association members in the Eureka Valley Branch in connection with her effort to promote attendance at the ROBESON meeting held March 25th.

This informant was also able to advise of the time and place of a meeting of the club and revealed that JOE LYNCH, a warehouseman, attends meetings of this group because of his desire to cancel his membership in the Communist Political Association.

Very truly yours,

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W. J. L. PIEFER
Special Agent in Charge

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otherwise I would not be seating here. The 22 of October I went to Chateaubriand to the Memorial ceremonies for our Comrades it was very impressing Marcel Cachin was the main light 80000 peoples come to listen to him it was the first great manifestation since D day, Charles Tillon Secretary of the Air Forces in France also one of our Comrades and organizer of the French Partisans Forces was present. It was SOLEMN that's all I can tell you, it remained me of the funeral of the two Comrades killed in San Francisco during the longshoremen strike. I have a hard time to finish this letter, Saturday, my time was taken on account of armistice day and yesterday Sunday I had to go to Rennes to hear our Comrade Jacques Duclos. It was the first time since 1940 that I saw him although they, I mean Thorez and other leaders when here organizing the underground Party work and thanks to them the honour of France was saved and the INSURRECTION of Paris a fact, without them France would have lost her place as an influencial Nation in the world.

"This meeting of yesterday was splondid a crowd that proves that the destiny of France will in a short time be in the hands of the right men and the right Party, it's going to be a hard job but it will be done, the FRONT NATIONAL born in the clandestinity will follow its due course and will assemble and unite the best elements in the Nation.

"I wish that you would send me few numbers of the Daily Worker and local paper it would help me to have an idea of how things are developping in the States, you will not be surprise if I tell you that I am more attached to the American scene than here, this is due, maybe to personal feeling because when I came here I arrived in a strange country and was considered as a stranger and missed the warmth of comradeship of which I was the recipient in California, among you. I dint have time here to make new friends as soon as I arrived here I was thrown in jail for 18 months then I came out and few months after when I just started to resume some real work we were all rounded up and thrown again in jail, the war against communist and not against the boche was started and the communist party lost a fifth of its number, right in Paris out of 75000 killed we lost 65000 comrades, but the lost, we had, will soon be replaced by new recruits which are coming in our Party in a greater and greater number with lot of enthousiasm.

"I will wright soon to some of our other Comrade in the meantime give my fraternal greetings to all the French Comrades Comrades A Whitney, Louise Todd, Beatrice Kinkoad, Lambert, Spector Ben Fee Lawrence Ross. R. O'Connor and all the others of whom I missed their names right at the moment. I must not forget Hanof I am working right now and since the American's liberated this town as an Interpreter for the R.T.C.

"I hope to hear from you in the near future and if you are to busy pass the word to some other Comrades."

EXAMINER'S NOTE: There is a William Schneidermann, 1550 9th Ave., San Francisco, Calif., GJ 4601.

ENCLOSURES: None

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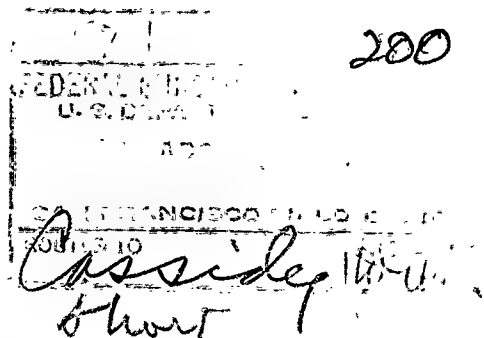
FROM : John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was
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There are attached photostatic copies of Censorship Submission NO 68882 based upon a letter addressed to Schneiderman by a Communist Party member in France. This is being furnished as a matter of possible interest and for the completion of your file.

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COMMUNIST IN FRANCE WRITLS COMRADE IN SAN FRANCISCO ABOUT
ACTIVITIES SINCE BEGINNING OF THE WAR.

A typewritten business letter, poorly constructed and spelled,
reads: (quote)

"My dear Comrade Shneiderman.
San Francisco California

"Postal service was resumed last week between France and United States. I am taking advantage of this event to get in touch with my friends and Comrades over in America. Last year reading, a Nazy paper your name was mentioned it was in regard to a ruling by the Supreme Court of the U.S.A. concerning you, it was certainly published over here by Goebels for propaganda to show the peoples here the political aspect of the U. S. Government. To days in the YANK the Army Weekly I saw the name of our Harry Bridge (Ex.: GJ 4601) and that his case was still in the Courts,

"The seventh of August we were liberated here in Laval by American troops and no use to tell you how freely we breath that day, and since that, although it was hard to resume breathing, as we were almost choked to death after four years of occupation, and more specially your writer, how I am able to seat and write you it is a miracle, to use a biblic expression,. Few days after the landing of the troops I met a GI from California, he was from San Francisco, a longshoreman, had participated in the famous strike, we talked a lot about Harry, Leo Gallagher being U S Senator news that I really enjoyed, the C.I.O. was also one of our subject you can imagine how I felt to talk about all this , but my greatest satisfaction was to see the American Forces here, and I had to congratulate myself for having beeing with my other comrads in the States a participant in the realization of this event, that is the defense of the U.R.S.S. and democratic rights in general. Here the great majority of the people the workers in particular are all unanimous to say loudly that without the Soviet Union we would have been "kaput" or at least put out of business for many many years. AS regard to myself I was thrown in jail as soon as the Boches reached France the "fifth column" was right on the job, I escaped, was underground for two years till the gendarms found me, since that I was left alone thanks to the patriotic gendarms

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BYRON PRICE,
Director.

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CPA HEAD TO TALK IN S. F. ON U. S. MEET

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.
—William Schneiderman, California state president and a national vice president of the Communist Political Association will speak on "Yalta to San Francisco" Monday night, April 9, 8 p. m., at Moose Hall, 1621 Market street.

Returning a few days ago from a meeting of the national committee, Schneiderman will bring to this gathering the recent deliberations of that body, which include a discussion on the Yalta and San Francisco conferences, the Lewis conspiracy in the labor movement and labor's economic advances in wartime.

This meeting is under the auspices of the San Francisco Communist Political Association for its membership and their friends. No admission will be charged and invitations may be obtained by calling EXbrook 2996.

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
San Francisco 4, California
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
March 26 to April 8, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

During the period noted above this informant has not provided this office with any information presently thought to be significant. It is felt, however, that the informant's services should be continued.

Very truly yours,



N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California
April 24, 1945

MEMO, SAC

RE: GOLDEN *file*

Confidential Informant [] reported that at about 3:00 P. M. on April 24, 1945, an unidentified man with a slight accent called on WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN in CPA Headquarters, San Francisco, seeking the aid of the CPA organization in printing a pamphlet in support of the Lublin Polish Government. SCHNEIDERMAN told him to see the business manager of the People's World who would help him make arrangements for the printing. According to the informant, the pamphlet will be distributed among all the delegates to the Conference by mail and will bear the name of the "Polish Labor Council, New York City," as sponsor. SCHNEIDERMAN informed the man that if necessary, the CPA will defray the expenses of printing.

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The informant advised that the unidentified man claimed to be a member of the corps of press correspondents at the Conference and also indicated that he had some unknown connection with the New Masses magazine.

JAMES G. SMITH
Special Agent

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San Francisco, California
April 24, 1945

MEMO, SAC

RE: GOLDEN

Confidential Informant [redacted] reported that at 3:30 P. M., April 24, 1945, WILLIAM SCHULTE informed LEO BARNHAY at CPA Headquarters, San Francisco: "We want to contact the Communists in each delegation re....(obscured). I will give JOSEPH STAROBIN a short memo on each of these delegates."

JAMES G. SHORT
Special Agent

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San Francisco, California
April 25, 1945

MEMORANDUM

Re: GOLDEN

[] reported that DAN MAH (Chinese member of the CFI, San Francisco, and business agent of the Miscellaneous Workers Union, Local 110, AFL) had a conference at CPA headquarters, San Francisco, at noon on 4/25/45 with MURIEL LAMBERT (CPA State Labor Director), WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN (CPA State President), and CLYDE KATTS (CPA President of San Francisco).

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MAH indicated that he wanted to contact the Chinese Communist delegate to UNCTO, doing so in his capacity of a labor union official in San Francisco. SCHNEIDERMAN said he doubted if MAH could do it, as the delegate does not speak English, and he is accompanied by a Secret Service agent. SCHNEIDERMAN continued: "If (MAH) can establish contact with him, however, it will be good in other ways. He (the delegate) is going to be isolated and won't know what is going on. If DAN establishes contact, we'll call DAN in and go over the meeting with him." SCHNEIDERMAN also mentioned that GRACE (believed to be GRACE GRAMICH, representative of the Universal Press Service of Moscow, presently attached to the PEOPLES WORLD as a UCTO correspondent) had a letter of introduction to this Chinese delegate, and that maybe both she and MAH could arrange to see him together.

The Secret Service agent mentioned above as accompanying the Chinese delegate was stated by LAMBERT to be an agent of the Chungking government. LAMBERT stated that he received this from a very confidential source.

MAH was forbidden during the course of this discussion to distribute any pamphlets in San Francisco in the name of the Chinese Communists of San Francisco, concerning the UNCTO. It was deemed by the Communist Political Association leaders that such action would be in bad taste at present, and would only cause confusion.

JAMES G.
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San Francisco
May 3, 1945

MEMORANDUM

Re: COMMUNIST POLITICAL ASSOCIATION,
District #13
GOLDEN

On May 2, 1945, Confidential Informant [] furnished the following information. On April 27, 1945, [] attended the ELLA MAY (MOTHER) BLOOR reception meeting held at the home of Mrs. FAY BATCHELOR at 1919 Broderick Street. There were 103 Party members present, including such prominent Communist officials as STEVE NELSON, OLETA YATES, WILLIAM SCHNEIDFELMAN, and LEO BARONAI.

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During the course of the evening, Mrs. BLOOR gave a talk. She stated that she was at San Francisco at this time because she was sent for to meet with Mr. MOLOTOV. She advised that either on that day or the preceding day, she had visited Mr. MOLOTOV in his suite in the St. Francis Hotel in the 10th floor. She commented that she was wearing the same dress and corsage which she wore in her meeting with MOLOTOV. She added that a car had been sent for her at her hotel on the occasion and that she had also been returned to her hotel.

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[] recalled Mrs. BLOOR's having made the following statements during her talk: "We are going to rule this world and Russia is behind us.... They are not following us, we are following them. . . Our party is going to rule this world, and although I am 83 years old, I will see it through. . . Our day of mobilization is not present yet because we lost our wonderful leader in this country. We hope that our new leader will follow us, we are trying him out, but we don't know yet that we can trust him, but we will crush every power because right is with us. . . It may be necessary to wield the sword to crush every power to advance our cause."

[] stated that the speech was very exciting in nature and brought forth much applause from the members present. Mrs. WILSON

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commented to [] at the conclusion of the speech that she had no idea what she was getting into when she joined the Party three months ago. She had previously attended only one or two club meetings at which no such radical views had been expressed. She informed [] that the meeting so frightened her that she was not going to remain. She left immediately after Mrs. BLOOR's talk and did not stay for the refreshments. She was later missed by RUDY LAMBERT and LEO BAROWAY. The latter two went outside to attempt to locate her but could not do so. They were quite concerned about her leaving without any explanation.

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The Russian anthem was sung twice during the evening, in English. The singing was led by a man from Los Angeles. He taught it to the audience by going through the words two lines at a time and the audience following him. HANK SIEGEL, President of the North Beach Club, played a violin solo as part of the evening's entertainment. The meeting was closed by a singing of the National anthem.

ROBERT L. KING
Special Agent

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May 17, 1945

SAC, New York

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, was;
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Reference is made to teletype dated March 6, 1945, from San Francisco to the Bureau and New York, requesting the New York Field Division to report any pertinent information concerning subject's activities during his attendance at the C.P.A. plenum in New York City March 10, 11, 12, 1945.

There is no record of any activities on subject's part while he was in New York City other than the fact he was known to have attended the plenum, as reflected in the report of Special Agent Russell S. Garner dated May 1, 1945, at New York, New York, in the case entitled "Communist Political Association; Internal Security - C," a copy of which was forwarded to the San Francisco Office.

There being no further investigation in the New York Field Division, this case is being referred upon completion to the Office of origin.

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San Francisco, 4, California
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
May 1 to May 31, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

Informant was present when LEAH SCHNEIDERMAN discussed the American Russian Institute reception for MOLOTOV, concerning which, she stated that ROSE ISAAK did not invite BILL SCHNEIDERMAN or the others, but that KARL KAHN found out about the reception and crashed the gate.

Informant recalled that LEAH stated that MANUILSKY is in town, and that she desired to meet him as she knew him when he wore a Russian uniform.

According to the informant, JOHN WILLIAMSON contacted the subject and stated that he had been waiting for SCHNEIDERMAN's letter which SCHNEIDERMAN indicated had been sent three days prior to their conversation. The subject remarked to WILLIAMSON that the Duclos criticism had appeared in the paper, whereupon WILLIAMSON stated that a copy of the document had been sent to SCHNEIDERMAN about a week ago, and advised further that the resolution on the Duclos criticism would be forthcoming in a short time. WILLIAMSON indicated at the time he contacted SCHNEIDERMAN that they had had about three days discussion on the criticism at that time. WILLIAMSON indicated that there should not be any organized forums or public discussions that involve approval or disapproval of the Duclos criticism. According to the informant, SCHNEIDERMAN inquired if anything should be said concerning the criticism in the Daily People's World, and that WILLIAMSON answered that the Sunday Worker had carried a story on it, and that pamphlets for the membership could be made up from the mimeographed copy. Informant noted that SCHNEIDERMAN inquired "What were BILL's reactions to the whole thing?" whereupon WILLIAMSON stated, "Very responsible reaction."

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
Internal Security - C

Summary of Information
June 1 to June 30, 1945
Confidential Informant

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Dear Sir:

This informant was not able to provide this office with information presently thought to be of value. It should be noted, however, that the subject was in New York during part of the period noted above attending the National Committee meetings of the CPA. Details surrounding the subject's departure concerning this meeting were made available by this informant.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. PIERER
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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street,
San Francisco 4, California,
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Director, FBI

Re: WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Summary of Information
July 1 to July 31, 1945
Confidential Informant

Dear Sir:

This informant was able to advise that MICKY LIMA, a Communist in California, had been made a member of the National Committee at the National Convention the Communist Political Association held in the latter part of July, 1945.

The informant also advised that ROBERT MINOR and JAMES FORD, former National functionaries of the Communist Political Association, now held no offices at all in the organization.

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIEPER,
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